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H.B. No. 2505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the notification provided by a municipality to a retail
3 public utility of the municipality's intent to provide water or
4 sewer service in an incorporated or annexed area.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Sections 13.255(b) and (b-1), Water Code, are
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) If an agreement is not executed within 180 days after
9 the municipality[~~, in writing,~~] notifies the retail public utility
10 of its intent to provide service to the incorporated or annexed
11 area, and if the municipality desires and intends to provide retail
12 utility service to the area, the municipality, prior to providing
13 service to the area, shall file an application with the utility
14 commission to grant single certification to the municipally owned
15 water or sewer utility or to a franchised utility. If an
16 application for single certification is filed, the utility
17 commission shall fix a time and place for a hearing and give notice
18 of the hearing to the municipality and franchised utility, if any,
19 and notice of the application and hearing to the retail public
20 utility.

21 (b-1) On the day a municipality submits an application for
22 single certification to the utility commission under this section,
23 the municipality shall send, via certified mail, ~~or~~ hand
24 delivery, or e-mail, a copy of the application to the retail public

1 utility.

2 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
3 a proceeding affecting a certificate of public convenience and
4 necessity that commences on or after the effective date of this Act.
5 A proceeding affecting a certificate of public convenience and
6 necessity that commenced before the effective date of this Act is
7 governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding is
8 commenced, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.