

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 4313

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a political subdivision to impose a fee to fund a climate or environmental project.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.014. FEE FOR CLIMATE OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Climate or environmental project" means a project undertaken by a political subdivision to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate the impacts of climate change, adapt to the effects of climate change, reduce the amount of pollutants reaching the environment, or contribute to public awareness of related matters. The term does not include basic sanitation or waste disposal services provided by a political subdivision.

(2) "Fee" includes any fee, charge, assessment, or similar payment required by a political subdivision for a privilege, service, authorization, permit, license, registration, certification, filing, or other action or approval by the political subdivision.

(b) A political subdivision may not impose a fee to fund a climate or environmental project.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.