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S.B. No. 612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees for pipeline construction imposed by certain districts.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 49.2127(a) and (d), Water Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) "Retail~~["retail]~~ public utility" has the meaning assigned by Section 13.002.

(2) "Developer" means a person who subdivides land or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land.

(d) A district may not impose on a developer or retail public utility that proposes to construct a water or sewer pipeline or associated infrastructure in the district's service area:

(1) requirements for constructing the pipeline that are unduly burdensome; or

(2) a fee that is greater than the actual, reasonable, and documented costs incurred by the district for review, legal services, engineering services, inspection, construction, and repair associated with the ~~["retail public utility]~~ construction, and any other related costs incurred by the district in association with the ~~["retail public utility]~~ construction.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.