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S.B. No. 1586

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of permits for certain wastewater treatment facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.054. CONDITIONS OF PERMIT FOR PACKAGE PLANT. (a)

In this section, "package plant" means a pre-manufactured wastewater treatment facility with a capacity of less than 500,000 gallons per day. The term includes an extended aeration plant, sequencing batch reactor, or oxidation ditch.

(b) The commission may not issue a permit for a proposed package plant that is located within 1,000 feet of a municipal wastewater line.

(c) The commission may issue a permit for a proposed package plant only if the applicant demonstrates to the commission that the applicant:

(1) will implement measures to ensure the security and weatherization of the package plant; and

(2) has financial assurance adequate to provide for future maintenance of the package plant.

SECTION 2. Section 26.054, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for the issuance of a permit that is filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or

1 after the effective date of this Act.

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