

By: Hancock
(Bell of Montgomery)

S.B. No. 2692

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing of an appeal regarding certain water,
drainage, or sewer rates with the Public Utility Commission of
Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.043(c), Water Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(c) An appeal under Subsection (b) must be initiated by
filing a petition for review with the utility commission and the
entity providing service within 90 days after the effective day of
the rate change or, if appealing under Subsection [~~Subdivision~~]
(b)(2) or (5), within 90 days after the date on which the governing
body of the municipality or affected county makes a final decision.
The petition must be signed by at least:

(1) the lesser of 10,000 or 10 percent of those
ratepayers whose rates have been changed and who are eligible to
appeal under Subsection (b); or

(2) 10 percent of those ratepayers in the same
customer class whose rates have been changed and who are eligible to
appeal under Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.