

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

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PURPOSE

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 13.002(3), Water Code, to redefine "water and sewer utility," "public utility," or "utility" to prohibit that political subdivision, as used in this paragraph, from including a conservation and reclamation district organized under Article XI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution, with a territory of more than 10,000 acres providing household water and sewer service.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.