

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law authorizes a city to take over a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation and special utility districts within its boundaries for single certification process. However, a city is prohibited from annexing fresh water supply districts that provide similar services. H.B. 1291 would allow cities to annex fresh water supply districts for single certification purposes.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1291 allows single certification of water or sewer utilities in an incorporated or annexed area by a municipality.

### **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 13.255(j), Water Code, to require this section to apply only in a case where the retail public utility that is authorized to serve in the certified area that is annexed or incorporated by the municipality is a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation, or a fresh water supply district under Chapter 53, Water Code. Makes a conforming and nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.