S.B. No. 1305 1-1 By: Nichols (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2023; March 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; 1-2 1-3 March 29, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, 1-4 1-5 Nays 0; March 29, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 Yea Nay Absent PNV 1-8 Bettencourt Х Х 1-9 Springer 1-10 1-11 Eckhardt Х Χ Gutierrez 1-12 Hall Х 1-13 Nichols Х 1-14 Parker Χ 1**-**15 1**-**16 Paxton Х Х West

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the transfer of the ownership rights of the City of 1-19 1-20 Nacogdoches in the Central Heights Water System to the Angelina and Neches River Authority. 1-21 1-22 1-23

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Acc: (1) "Authority" means the Angelina and Neches River 1-24 1-25 Authority. 1-26

"City" means the City of Nacogdoches. (2)

SECTION 2. TRANSFER OF WATER SYSTEM. (a) Notwithstanding Section 1502.055, Government Code, not later than 180 days from the effective date of this Act, the city shall enter into a contract 1-27 1-28 1-29 with the authority to transfer the city's ownership interests in 1-30 1-31 the Central Heights Water System that is north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 59 and U.S. Highway 259 to the authority, including the assets and service area portion of the city's water system. (b) On the date of execution of the contract under 1-32 1-33

1-34 1-35 Subsection (a):

1-36 (1) the geographic territory of the Central Heights Water System shall be incorporated into the authority's certificate 1-37 1-38 of convenience and necessity; and

1-39 (2) all real property, easements, appurtenances, conveyance systems, transmission and treatment systems, designated 1-40 rights-of-way, and other property interests of the city related to the Central Heights Water System are transferred to the authority 1-41 1-42 1-43 unless specifically reserved to the city in the contract agreed to 1-44 under Subsection (a).

1-45 Following the transfer under Subsection (b), (c) the governing body of the city shall notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the transfer of the Central Heights Water System to the authority. 1-46 1-47 1-48

1-49 (d) On receipt of notice under Subsection (c), the Texas 1-50 Commission on Environmental Quality shall note the transfer of the Central Heights Water System to the authority in its records. A person, party, or entity does not have any right of protest, objection, or administrative review of the transfer described by 1-51 1-52 1-53 1-54 this Act.

1-55 EFFECTIVE DATE. SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members 1-56 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for 1-57 1-58 1-59 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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