

1-1 By: Bell of Montgomery H.B. No. 685  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Creighton , et al.)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2025;  
1-4 April 24, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,  
1-5 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 13, 2025, reported favorably by  
1-6 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Hancock	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Gutierrez		X	
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Johnson	X		
1-16	Kolkhorst	X		
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to rates established by municipalities for water or sewer  
1-21 service for certain entities.  
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter [Z](#), Chapter [552](#), Local Government  
1-24 Code, is amended by adding Section 552.916 to read as follows:  
1-25 Sec. 552.916. PROHIBITION ON RATE DISCRIMINATION. A  
1-26 municipality may not establish a rate for water or sewer utility  
1-27 service applicable only to entities that qualify for a sales tax or  
1-28 ad valorem tax exemption that is higher than a rate established for  
1-29 entities that receive comparable utility service.  
1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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