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H.B. No. 3117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the attorney general to settle certain civil suits initiated by a local government.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 7, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 7.359 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.359. SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY. The attorney general may settle in full satisfaction of the claims asserted a civil suit brought by a local government under this subchapter without the consent or approval of the local government:

(1) for an amount that is consistent with the policies of the state; or

(2) at the direction of the commission.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a civil suit under Subchapter H, Chapter 7, Water Code, that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A civil suit filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.