

HB 1383 -- Sewer Companies

Sponsor: Townley

This bill allows any water corporation, municipality providing water, or any water district to contract with sewer providers to terminate water services to any water user for nonpayment of a sewer bill. A written request from the municipality providing sewer service must first be submitted to the corporation, municipality, or district that provides the water.

Currently, any sewer corporation, municipality, or sewer district is allowed to contract with any water corporation, municipality, or water district to terminate water services for nonpayment of a sewer bill. Current law requires that written notice be sent to the customer by certified mail before the water can be disconnected. The bill removes this requirement.

Current law says that a water corporation, municipality, or water district that disconnects water service cannot be held liable for damage related to the disconnection unless it is caused by the negligence of the water corporation, municipality, or water district. The bill makes any water provider or independent contractor acting on behalf of the water provider immune from civil liability for damages or costs resulting from disconnection.

The bill also specifies the requirements of any agreement between a water provider and a sewer provider for the disconnection of water services and the collection of delinquent payments for water and sewer services.