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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes boards of county commissioners to allow tap-in charges for county-owned water distributing pipes to be paid in installments.
- Allows delinquent rents or charges arising pursuant to service contracts made with persons renting property to another to be placed on the real property tax list and duplicate against the property in addition to delinquent rents and charges arising pursuant to service contracts made with owners who occupy property as under current law.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Installment payments for tap-in charges for county water pipes

Under current law, a board of county commissioners, by resolution, may acquire, construct, maintain, and operate a public water supply or water-works system within its county for any sewer district. The board must fix reasonable rates to be charged for water supplied when the source of supply or distributing pipes are owned or operated by the county. In addition, when the distributing pipes are owned by the county, the board must fix a reasonable tap-in charge. No person is permitted to tap into the distributing pipes until the charge is paid in full. (Sec. 6103.02(A).)

The bill allows the board, if the board determines it to be equitable, to require by resolution that tap-in charges be paid in installments. The charges must be paid at the times, in the amounts, and with the security, carrying charges, and penalties that are determined by the board to be fair and appropriate. No person is permitted to connect to the distributing pipes until the charges have been paid in full or provision for their payment in installments has been made. If the connection charges are to be paid in installments, the board must certify to the county auditor information that is sufficient to identify each parcel of property

served by a connection and, with respect to each parcel, the total charges to be paid in installments, the amount of each installment, and the total number of installments paid. The county auditor must record and maintain that information, until the connection charges are paid in full, in the water-works record required under existing law governing certification of assessments. (Sec. 6103.02(A).)

Certification of unpaid water rents or charges of an owner who rents property

Under current law, when any rents or charges related to county water supply systems are not paid when due, the board may certify them to the county auditor. The county auditor must place the certified amount on the real property tax list and duplicate against the property served by the connection if the county auditor also receives from the board additional certification that the unpaid rents or charges have arisen pursuant to a service contract made directly with an owner who occupies the property served. The bill also authorizes unpaid rents or charges arising pursuant to a service contract made with an owner who rents the property served to another person to be certified for placement on the tax list and duplicate against the property. (Sec. 6103.02(A)(1).)

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