

## Chapter 146

H.B. No. 1648

### AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the designation of a water conservation coordinator by  
3 a retail public water utility to implement a water conservation  
4 plan.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 13.146, Water Code, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sec. 13.146. WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. The commission shall  
9 require a retail public utility that provides potable water service  
10 to 3,300 or more connections to:

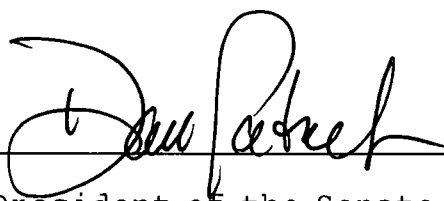
11 (1) submit to the executive administrator of the board  
12 a water conservation plan based on specific targets and goals  
13 developed by the retail public utility and using appropriate best  
14 management practices, as defined by Section 11.002, or other water  
15 conservation strategies;

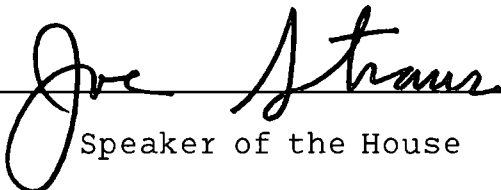
16 (2) designate a person as the water conservation  
17 coordinator responsible for implementing the water conservation  
18 plan; and

19 (3) identify, in writing, the water conservation  
20 coordinator to the executive administrator of the board.

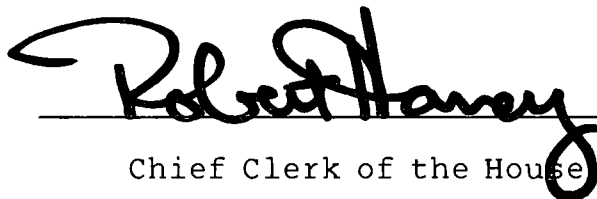
21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1648 was passed by the House on April 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 3 present, not voting.

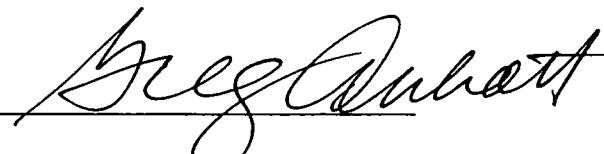
  
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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1648 was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4.

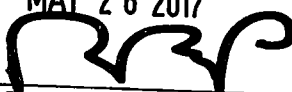
  
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 5-26-2017

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 4, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1648** by Price (Relating to the designation of a water conservation coordinator by a retail public water utility to implement a water conservation plan.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

**LBB Staff:** UP, MSO, SZ, MW, PM

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 15, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Lyle Larson, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1648** by Price (relating to the designation of a water conservation coordinator by a retail public water utility to implement a water conservation plan.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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