A justice court may, subject to the approval of the commissioners court, use a fund designated by this article to assist a constable's office or other county department with a technological enhancement, or cost related to the enhancement, described by Subsection (d)(1) or (2) if the enhancement directly relates to the operation or efficiency of the justice court. This subsection applies only to a county that:

1. has a population of 125,000 or more;
2. is not adjacent to a county of two million or more;
3. contains a portion of the Guadalupe River; and
4. contains a portion of Interstate Highway 10.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

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CHAPTER 305

H.B. No. 1461

AN ACT relating to customer notification of water loss by a retail public utility.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.148 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.148. NOTIFICATION OF WATER LOSS. (a) The commission by rule shall require a retail public utility that files a water audit required by Section 16.0121 to notify each of the utility's customers of the water loss reported in the water audit.

(b) A retail public utility shall provide the notice required under Subsection (a) on or with:

1. the utility's next annual consumer confidence report delivered after the water audit is filed; or
2. the next bill the customer receives after the water audit is filed.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 10, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

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CHAPTER 306

H.B. No. 1491

AN ACT relating to the temporary licensing of a dentist who performs voluntary charity care.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 256, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 256.1016 to read as follows:

Sec. 256.1016. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSE. (a) In this section, "voluntary charity care" has the meaning assigned by board rule under Section 256.102.
(b) The board shall grant a temporary license for a dentist whose practice consists only of voluntary charity care to a reputable dentist who meets the requirements of Sections 256.101(a)(3), (4), and (5) and who:

(1) ceased practicing dentistry in another state that the board has determined has licensing requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements of this state not more than two years before the date the dentist applies for a license under this section and was licensed in good standing at the time the dentist ceased practicing dentistry; or

(2) is currently licensed in another state that the board has determined has licensing requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements of this state.

(c) A dentist issued a license under this section shall:

(1) confine the dentist's practice to voluntary charity care;

(2) practice only in a geographic area specified by the license; and

(3) practice only for the period specified by the license.

(d) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

(e) The board shall take disciplinary action against a dentist licensed under this section for a violation of this subtitle or board rules in the same manner as against a dentist licensed under Subchapter A.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 256.1016, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 17, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 307

H.B. No. 1492

AN ACT
relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 140; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8425 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8425. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 140

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8425.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) “Board” means the district's board of directors.

(2) “Commission” means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(3) “Director” means a board member.