(3) meeting established design criteria for wastewater treatment plants;
(4) demonstrating the economic feasibility of regionalization; and
(5) serving the needs of economically distressed areas.

(i) The transition team appointed under Subsection (h) of this section shall provide monthly
updates to the executive directors of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and
the Public Utility Commission of Texas on the implementation of this Act and provide a final
report on the implementation to the executive directors not later than September 1, 2014.

(j) A rule, form, policy, procedure, or decision of the Texas Commission on Environmental
Quality related to a power, duty, function, program, or activity transferred under this Act
continues in effect as a rule, form, policy, procedure, or decision of the Public Utility
Commission of Texas and remains in effect until amended or replaced by that agency.
Notwithstanding any other law, beginning September 1, 2013, the Public Utility Commission
of Texas may propose rules, forms, policies, and procedures related to a function to be
transferred to the Public Utility Commission of Texas under this Act.

(k) The Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental
Quality shall adopt rules to implement the changes in law made by this Act to Section 12.013
and Chapter 13, Water Code, not later than September 1, 2015.

(l) An affiliate of a Class A utility, as those terms are defined by Section 13.002, Water
Code, as amended by this Act, may not file an application for a rate change on or after the
effective date of this Act unless the affiliated Class A utility has filed for a rate change on or
after that date. In relation to the application filed by the affiliate of the Class A utility, the
Public Utility Commission of Texas:

(1) may not approve the rate change application until the Public Utility Commission of
Texas approves the rate change application filed by the affiliated Class A utility; and

(2) may require the affiliate to comply with the Class A utility rate change process
prescribed by Section 13.187, Water Code, regardless of whether the affiliate is classified as a
Class A, B, or C utility under Section 13.002, Water Code, as amended by this Act.
SECTION 97. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 3, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House
amendments on May 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amend-
ments, on May 3, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 0, one present not voting.
Filed without signature May 25, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 172
H.B. No. 458
AN ACT
relating to eligibility requirements for a residential fire alarm training school instructor.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
SECTION 1. Section 6002.158(c), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:
(c) Training school instructors must be approved by the state fire marshal. To be eligible
for approval, an instructor must:
(1) hold a fire alarm planning superintendent license, a residential fire alarm superin-
tendent license, or a fire alarm technician license; and
(2) have at least three years of experience in fire alarm installation, service, or
monitoring.
SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for
approval or renewal of approval of a training school instructor submitted to the state fire
marshal on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the
effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 25, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

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CHAPTER 173

H.B. No. 525

AN ACT

relating to the collection of data relating to military-connected students through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.006, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) The agency shall collect data each year from school districts and open-enrollment charter schools through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) relating to the enrollment of military-connected students. The data relating to the enrollment of military-connected students under this section:

(1) must include the number of active duty military-connected students and the number of National Guard or reserve military-connected students enrolled in the school district or open-enrollment charter school on a date at the beginning of the school year specified by the agency and a date at the end of the school year specified by the agency; and

(2) may not be used for purposes of determining a campus or district performance rating under Section 39.054.

(d) In this section, “military-connected student” means a student enrolled in a school district or open-enrollment charter school who is a dependent of a member of:

(1) the United States military serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard on active duty;

(2) the Texas National Guard; or

(3) a reserve force of the United States military.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013–2014 school year.

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 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 25, 2013.

Effective May 25, 2013.

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CHAPTER 174

H.B. No. 839

AN ACT

relating to the powers, duties, and compensation of the board of directors of the Duval County Groundwater Conservation District.

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