CHAPTER 262

H.B. No. 654

AN ACT
relating to the ability of a tenant representative to serve as a commissioner of a local housing authority.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 392.0331(f) and (f-1), Local Government Code, are repealed.

SECTION 2. The repeal by this Act of Sections 392.0331(f) and (f-1), Local Government Code, applies to a commissioner appointed under Section 392.0331, Local Government Code, without regard to whether the commissioner was appointed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

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 26, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 263

H.B. No. 693

AN ACT
relating to the authority of a water and sewer utility to collect voluntary contributions on behalf of a local library.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 13.143(a), (b), and (d), Water Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A utility may implement as part of its billing process a program under which the utility collects from its customers a voluntary contribution, including a voluntary membership or subscription fee, on behalf of a local library, a volunteer fire department, or an emergency medical service.

(b) A utility that collects contributions under this section shall provide each customer at the time that the customer first becomes a customer, and at least annually thereafter, a written statement:

(1) describing the procedure by which the customer may make a contribution with the customer's bill payment;

(2) designating the local library, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical service to which the utility will deliver the contribution;

(3) informing the customer that a contribution is voluntary; and

(4) describing the deductibility status of the contribution under federal income tax law.

Passed by the House on April 3, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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(d) The utility shall promptly deliver contributions that it collects under this section to the designated local library, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical service, except that the utility may keep from the contributions an amount equal to the lesser of:

1. the utility's expenses in administering the contribution program; or
2. five percent of the amount collected as contributions.

SECTION 2. 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 May 2, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 264

H.B. No. 695

AN ACT

relating to funding state highway markers.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 225.021(b) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall accept a grant or donation made to assist in financing the construction and maintenance of a marker.

c) The department may not design, construct, or erect a marker under this subchapter unless a grant or donation of funds is made to the department to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker.

SECTION 2. 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 4, 2013: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 265

H.B. No. 712

AN ACT

relating to the responsibility for keeping fire-fighting equipment furnished to a volunteer fire department by a county in good working order.

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

SECTION 1. Section 352.005(e), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

c) The petitioner shall keep the fire-fighting equipment in good working order, make all necessary repairs or replacements, and provide... The commissioners court shall determine if a repair or replacement is necessary and shall require that repair work,