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

SECTION 1. Section 49.501, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 49.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "municipal water supplier" means a municipality, [or] a water supply corporation, or a special utility district converted from a water supply corporation.

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 11, 2013: Yea$ 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 25, 2013: Yea$ 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.082, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The board of trustees of each school district and the governing board of each open-enrollment charter school shall require students, once during each school day at each campus [school in the district], to recite:

(1) the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag in accordance with 4 U.S.C. Section 4[, and its subsequent amendments]; and
(2) the pledge of allegiance to the state flag in accordance with Subchapter C, Chapter 3100, Government Code.
(b-i) The board of trustees of each school district and the governing board of each open-enrollment charter school shall require that the United States and Texas flags be prominently displayed in accordance with 4 U.S.C. Sections 5–10 and Chapter 3100, Government Code, in each campus classroom to which a student is assigned at the time the pledges of allegiance to those flags are recited. A district or school is not required to spend federal, state, or local district or school funds to acquire flags required under this subsection. A district or school may raise money or accept gifts, grants, and donations to acquire flags required under this subsection.

(c) On written request from a student's parent or guardian, a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall excuse the student from reciting a pledge of allegiance under Subsection (b).

(d) The board of trustees of each school district and the governing board of each open-enrollment charter school shall provide for the observance of one minute of silence at each campus [school in the district] following the recitation of the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags under Subsection (b). During the one-minute period, each student may, as the student chooses, reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student. Each teacher or other school employee in charge of students during that period shall ensure that each of those students remains silent and does not act in a manner that is likely to interfere with or distract another student.

SECTION 2. (a) Sections 25.082(b), (c), and (d), Education Code, as amended by this Act, apply beginning with the 2013–2014 school year.

(b) Section 25.082(b-1), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2016–2017 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 26, 2013: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 773 on May 20, 2013, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 773 on May 26, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 773 on May 26, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 882
H.B. No. 796
AN ACT
relating to the licensing of a journeyman lineman.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1305.002, Occupations Code, is amended by redesignating existing Subdivision (12) as Subdivision (11-a) and adding a new Subdivision (12) to read as follows:

(11-a) "Executive director" means the executive director of the department.

(12) "Journeyman lineman" means an individual who engages in electrical work involving the maintenance and operation of equipment associated with the transmission