(c) The board of directors of an electric cooperative or the governing body of a municipally owned utility may determine the method to fund a bill payment assistance program established under Subsection (a).

SECTION 4. 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 the Senate on April 4, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 20, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 2, one present not voting.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 598
S.B. No. 987
AN ACT
relating to allowing the attorney general to obtain an injunction against a municipality or county that adopts prohibited regulations regarding firearms, ammunition, or firearm supplies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 229.001, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The attorney general may bring an action in the name of the state to obtain a temporary or permanent injunction against a municipality adopting a regulation in violation of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 236.002, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 236.002. FIREARMS; SPORT SHOOTING RANGE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, including Chapter 251, Agriculture Code, a county may not adopt regulations relating to:

(1) the transfer, private ownership, keeping, transportation, licensing, or registration of firearms, ammunition, or firearm supplies; or

(2) the discharge of a firearm at a sport shooting range.

(b) The attorney general may bring an action in the name of the state to obtain a temporary or permanent injunction against a county adopting a regulation, other than a regulation under Section 236.003, in violation of this section.

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 the Senate on April 4, 2013: Yeas 24, Nays 6; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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CHAPTER 599
S.B. No. 1009
AN ACT
relating to the creation of Burnet County Improvement District No. 1; providing authority to levy an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.

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