CHAPTER 118

H.B. No. 1221

AN ACT

relating to the expenses of a watermaster.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 11.329, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall pay the compensation and necessary expenses of a watermaster, assistant watermasters, and other necessary employees, but the holders of water rights that have been determined or adjudicated and are to be administered by the watermaster shall reimburse the commission for the compensation and expenses. Necessary expenses may include costs associated with streamflow measurement and monitoring, water accounting, assessment billing and collection, and any other duties a watermaster may be required to perform under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 2, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 7, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 19, 1987.

Effective 90 days after date of adjournment.