

## CHAPTER 400

H.B. No. 1329

## AN ACT

relating to certain fees charged to permittees and licensees of the Texas Water Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26.0301, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

*(e) The commission by rule shall set a fee to be paid by each applicant or licensee on the issuance or renewal of a certificate of competency under this section. The amount of the fee is determined according to the costs of the commission in administering this section, but may not exceed \$25 annually for an individual wastewater treatment plant operator and \$500 annually for a person, company, corporation, firm, or partnership that is in the business as a wastewater treatment facility operations company. The commission shall deposit any fees collected under this subsection in the state treasury to the credit of the waste treatment facility inspection fund.*

SECTION 2. Section 26.0291(c), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fees collected under this section shall be deposited in a special fund in the state treasury to be known as the waste treatment facility inspection fund. Money in the fund shall be used *as follows*:

(1) to supplement any other funds available for paying expenses of the commission in inspecting waste treatment facilities; and

(2) to pay for the issuance and renewal of certificates of competency under and to administer Section 26.0301 of this code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. 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.

Passed by the House on April 29, 1987: revenue dedication: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; remainder of bill: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate of May 22, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.