

CHAPTER 135

S.B. No. 1067

AN ACT

relating to service connections by a municipal utility district to individually metered dwelling units.

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

SECTION 1. A municipal utility district may not require that utilities be connected in the name of the landlord or the owner of an individually metered dwelling unit when the tenant of the unit makes application for utility services for the unit. An "individually metered dwelling unit" means a dwelling which consists of one or more rooms rented for use as a permanent residence under a single verbal or written rental agreement and which is served by a utility meter belonging to the utility company and measuring service

that unit only. A dwelling unit which is in a building containing two or more units and which is served by a master meter or demand meter for the building is not subject to this article.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. 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 the Senate on April 9, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 8, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 20, 1987.

Effective 90 days after date of adjournment.