

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Bill No. 178, Page 1, Section 67.005, Line
2 18 by inserting after said line the following:

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4 “67.312. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in any county with a charter form of
5 government and with more than three hundred thousand but with fewer than four hundred fifty
6 thousand inhabitants, if any water supply district contracts with a for profit management company
7 focusing on contract management and operations, the water supply district shall not charge or collect
8 from its customers any increase in rates, charges, or fees, including but not limited to water rates,
9 testing fees, inspection fees, administrative fees, service charges, minimum bill charges, flat rate
10 charges, customer charges, billing charges, attendance fees, primacy fees, and user fees without a
11 majority vote of the qualified voters of the water supply district voting thereon on any public
12 election day in August or November. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified
13 voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the question shall not be resubmitted under
14 this section sooner than twelve months from the date of the last submission opposed by voters. Any
15 actual charges or fees by a state or local governmental entity not associated in any way with the
16 water supply district may be passed on to their customers without a vote.

17 2. In any county with a charter form of government and with more than three hundred
18 thousand but with fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, if any water supply district
19 does not actually process or treat sewage or wastewater but pays another governmental entity for
20 providing such service, the water supply district shall not charge and collect from its customers a
21 premium, fee, tax, assessment, or other charge however denominated more than the rate it actually
22 pays to such other entity without a majority vote of the qualified voters of the water supply district
23 voting thereon on any public election day in August or November. If a majority of the votes cast on
24 the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the question
25 shall not be resubmitted under this section sooner than twelve months from the date of the last
26 submission opposed by voters.”; and

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28 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
29 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____