

HB 1671 -- Political Subdivision Contracts for Water Storage Tanks

Sponsor: Stream

This bill authorizes certain political subdivisions to enter into a multi-year asset management professional service contract for the engineering, repair, sustainability, water quality management, and maintenance of existing water storage tanks and appurtenant facilities that does not change their size or capacity. The qualifying political subdivisions include counties, municipalities, public water supply districts, soil and water districts, sanitary districts, and sewer districts.

The contract must not require the political subdivision to make annual payments in excess of its water utility charges less its operating expenses and debt service costs. All work performed under the contract must be supervised by a licensed professional engineer who certifies that it is performed in compliance with all applicable codes and engineering standards. On the commencement of the contract, if the water storage tank or facilities need service in order to be in compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements, the contractor must provide the necessary services, the cost of which must be itemized separately and may be charged to the political subdivision in payments spread over at least three years. If the contract contains all these stipulations and requirements, the political subdivision does not have to pay prevailing wages for the contracted services.