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S.B. No. 469

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain political subdivisions to receive certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 15.001, Water Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (14) to read as follows:

(14) "Rural political subdivision" means:

(A) a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation, district, or municipality that:

(i) has a service area with a population of 10,000 or less no part of which is located in an urban area as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census; or

(ii) otherwise qualifies for financing from a federal agency; or

(B) a county in which no urban area has a population of more than 50,000.

SECTION 2. Section 17.001, Water Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (26) to read as follows:

(26) "Rural political subdivision" means:

(A) a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation, district, or municipality that:

(i) has a service area with a population of 10,000 or less no part of which is located in an urban area as

1 defined by the United States Bureau of the Census; or
2 (ii) otherwise qualifies for financing from
3 a federal agency; or
4 (B) a county in which no urban area has a
5 population of more than 50,000.

6 SECTION 3. Section 17.9615(a), Water Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The board may direct the comptroller to transfer amounts
9 from the financial assistance account to the rural water assistance
10 fund to provide financial assistance to rural political
11 subdivisions under this subchapter for the purposes provided in
12 Section 15.994.

13 SECTION 4. Section 15.992(4), Water Code, is repealed.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.