

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 469
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 13, 2023; February 17, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture &
 1-4 Rural Affairs; April 18, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 April 18, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 469 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the eligibility of certain political subdivisions to
 1-22 receive certain financial assistance administered by the Texas
 1-23 Water Development Board.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 15.001, Water Code, is amended by adding
 1-26 Subdivision (14) to read as follows:

1-27 (14) "Rural political subdivision" means:

1-28 (A) a nonprofit water supply or sewer service
 1-29 corporation created and operating under Chapter 67 of this code or a
 1-30 district or authority created under Section 52, Article III, or
 1-31 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, no part of the service
 1-32 area of which is located in an urban area with a population of more
 1-33 than 50,000;

1-34 (B) a municipality:

1-35 (i) with a population of 10,000 or less part
 1-36 of the service area of which is located in an urban area with a
 1-37 population of 50,000 or more; or

1-38 (ii) located wholly in a county in which no
 1-39 urban area has a population of more than 50,000;

1-40 (C) a county in which no urban area has a
 1-41 population of more than 50,000; or

1-42 (D) an entity that:

1-43 (i) is a nonprofit water supply or sewer
 1-44 service corporation created and operating under Chapter 67 of this
 1-45 code, a district or authority created under Section 52, Article
 1-46 III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, a
 1-47 municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state,
 1-48 or an interstate compact commission to which the state is a party;
 1-49 and

1-50 (ii) demonstrates in a manner satisfactory
 1-51 to the board that the entity is rural or the area to be served by the
 1-52 project is a wholly rural area despite not otherwise qualifying
 1-53 under Paragraph (A), (B), or (C).

1-54 SECTION 2. Section 15.434(b), Water Code, is amended to
 1-55 read as follows:

1-56 (b) Of the money disbursed from the fund during the
 1-57 five-year period between the adoption of a state water plan and the
 1-58 adoption of a new plan, the board shall undertake to apply not less
 1-59 than:

1-60 (1) 10 percent to support projects described by

2-1 Section 15.435 that are for:
2-2 (A) rural political subdivisions [~~as defined by~~
2-3 ~~Section 15.992~~]; or
2-4 (B) agricultural water conservation; and
2-5 (2) 20 percent to support projects described by
2-6 Section 15.435, including agricultural irrigation projects, that
2-7 are designed for water conservation or reuse.
2-8 SECTION 3. Section 17.001, Water Code, is amended by adding
2-9 Subdivision (26) to read as follows:
2-10 (26) "Rural political subdivision" has the meaning
2-11 assigned by Section 15.001.
2-12 SECTION 4. Section 17.9615(a), Water Code, is amended to
2-13 read as follows:
2-14 (a) The board may direct the comptroller to transfer amounts
2-15 from the financial assistance account to the rural water assistance
2-16 fund to provide financial assistance to rural political
2-17 subdivisions under this subchapter for the purposes provided in
2-18 Section 15.994.
2-19 SECTION 5. Section 15.992(4), Water Code, is repealed.
2-20 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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