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H.B. No. 3898

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to certain political subdivisions for brackish water desalination.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.053, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j-1) to read as follows:

(j-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (j), the board may provide financial assistance for brackish water desalination to:

(1) a county that has a population greater than 250,000 and is located:

(A) on an international border; and

(B) wholly or partly in a management area, as defined by Section 36.001, that does not have a groundwater conservation district that is located inside the county's boundaries; or

(2) a nonprofit water supply corporation created and operating under Chapter 67 located in a county described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.