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H.B. No. 1535

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of certain fees by groundwater conservation  
3 districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 36.207, Water Code, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 36.207. USE OF PERMIT FEES AUTHORIZED BY SPECIAL LAW.  
8 A district may use funds obtained from permit fees, export fees, or  
9 user fees collected pursuant to the special law governing the  
10 district for any purpose consistent with the district's certified  
11 water management plan including, without limitation, making  
12 grants, loans, or contractual payments to achieve, facilitate, or  
13 expedite:

14 (1) reductions in groundwater pumping; ~~[or]~~

15 (2) [the] development or distribution of alternative  
16 water supplies;

17 (3) mitigation projects; or

18 (4) other projects intended to benefit residents of  
19 the district, including:

20 (A) economic development; or

21 (B) educational programs related to water use.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.