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H.B. No. 2634

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to interest-free loans from the Texas Water Development
3 Board for water districts in economically distressed areas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 17.933, Water Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

7 (b-1) In providing financial assistance in the form of a loan
8 under this subchapter to a conservation and reclamation district
9 created under authority of Section 52(b)(1) or (2), Article III, or
10 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, the board shall make
11 the loan to the district without charging interest.

12 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a loan made by the Texas
13 Water Development Board to a conservation and reclamation district
14 created under authority of Section 52(b)(1) or (2), Article III, or
15 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, on or after the
16 effective date of this Act. A loan made to a district before the
17 effective date of this Act is governed by the law on the date the
18 loan was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that
19 purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.