

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of minimum levels of water conservation in water conservation plans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.1271, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(c) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans required under this section must include specific, quantified 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per capita per day.

(d) The commission and the board jointly shall identify quantified target goals for water conservation that water suppliers and other entities may use as guidelines in preparing water conservation plans. Goals established under this subsection are not enforceable requirements.

(e) The commission and board jointly shall develop model water conservation programs for different types of water suppliers that suggest best management practices for achieving the highest practicable levels of water conservation and efficiency achievable for each specific type of water supplier.

(f) The commission shall adopt rules establishing criteria

1 and deadlines for submission of water conservation plans, including  
2 any required amendments, and for submission of implementation  
3 reports.

4 SECTION 2. Section 15.106, Water Code, is amended by adding  
5 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

6 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans  
7 required under this section must include specific, quantified  
8 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing  
9 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals  
10 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per  
11 capita per day.

12 SECTION 3. Section 17.125, Water Code, is amended by adding  
13 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

14 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans  
15 required under this section must include specific, quantified  
16 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing  
17 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals  
18 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per  
19 capita per day.

20 SECTION 4. Section 17.277, Water Code, is amended by adding  
21 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

22 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans  
23 required under this section must include specific, quantified  
24 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing  
25 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals  
26 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per  
27 capita per day.

1 SECTION 5. Section 17.857, Water Code, is amended by adding  
2 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

3 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans  
4 required under this section must include specific, quantified  
5 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing  
6 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals  
7 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per  
8 capita per day.

9 SECTION 6. Not later than September 1, 2004, the Texas  
10 Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Water Development  
11 Board shall take the actions necessary to comply with Section  
12 11.1271, Water Code, as amended by this Act.

13 SECTION 7. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it  
14 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
15 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
16 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
17 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

18 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 11.1271,  
19 Water Code, applies to a holder of an existing permit, certified  
20 filing, or certificate of adjudication as described in Section  
21 11.1271(b), Water Code, regardless of whether the permit, certified  
22 filing, or certificate of adjudication is obtained before, on, or  
23 after that date.

24 (c) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 15.106,  
25 17.125, 17.277, and 17.857, Water Code, apply only to applications  
26 for financial assistance filed with the Texas Water Development  
27 Board on or after the effective date of this Act.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2660 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2660 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor