

1-1 By: Puentes (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 2660
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 21, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 21, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the establishment of minimum levels of water
1-9 conservation in water conservation plans.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 11.1271, Water Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to
1-13 read as follows:

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

1-20 (d) The commission and the board jointly shall identify
1-21 quantified target goals for water conservation that water suppliers
1-22 and other entities may use as guidelines in preparing water
1-23 conservation plans. Goals established under this subsection are
1-24 not enforceable requirements.

1-25 (e) The commission and board jointly shall develop model
1-26 water conservation programs for different types of water suppliers
1-27 that suggest best management practices for achieving the highest
1-28 practicable levels of water conservation and efficiency achievable
1-29 for each specific type of water supplier.

1-30 (f) The commission shall adopt rules establishing criteria
1-31 and deadlines for submission of water conservation plans, including
1-32 any required amendments, and for submission of implementation
1-33 reports.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 15.106, Water Code, is amended by adding
1-35 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-36 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
1-37 required under this section must include specific, quantified
1-38 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
1-39 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
1-40 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
1-41 capita per day.

1-42 SECTION 3. Section 17.125, Water Code, is amended by adding
1-43 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-44 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
1-45 required under this section must include specific, quantified
1-46 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
1-47 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
1-48 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
1-49 capita per day.

1-50 SECTION 4. Section 17.277, Water Code, is amended by adding
1-51 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-52 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
1-53 required under this section must include specific, quantified
1-54 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
1-55 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
1-56 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
1-57 capita per day.

1-58 SECTION 5. Section 17.857, Water Code, is amended by adding
1-59 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-60 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
1-61 required under this section must include specific, quantified
1-62 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
1-63 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
1-64 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per

2-1 capita per day.

2-2 SECTION 6. Not later than September 1, 2004, the Texas
2-3 Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Water Development
2-4 Board shall take the actions necessary to comply with Section
2-5 11.1271, Water Code, as amended by this Act.

2-6 SECTION 7. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it
2-7 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
2-8 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
2-9 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
2-10 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

2-11 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 11.1271,
2-12 Water Code, applies to a holder of an existing permit, certified
2-13 filing, or certificate of adjudication as described in Section
2-14 11.1271(b), Water Code, regardless of whether the permit, certified
2-15 filing, or certificate of adjudication is obtained before, on, or
2-16 after that date.

2-17 (c) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 15.106,
2-18 17.125, 17.277, and 17.857, Water Code, apply only to applications
2-19 for financial assistance filed with the Texas Water Development
2-20 Board on or after the effective date of this Act.

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