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

1-8 relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate matters
1-9 regarding water conservation.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "task force" means the
1-12 water conservation implementation task force created under Section
1-13 2 of this Act.

1-14 SECTION 2. WATER CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE.

1-15 (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall select members of the
1-16 water conservation implementation task force to represent the
1-17 following entities and interest groups from applicants recommended
1-18 by the following entities and interest groups:

- 1-19 (1) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- 1-20 (2) Department of Agriculture;
- 1-21 (3) Parks and Wildlife Department;
- 1-22 (4) State Soil and Water Conservation Board;
- 1-23 (5) Texas Water Development Board;
- 1-24 (6) regional water planning groups;
- 1-25 (7) federal agencies;
- 1-26 (8) municipalities;
- 1-27 (9) groundwater conservation districts;
- 1-28 (10) river authorities;
- 1-29 (11) environmental groups;
- 1-30 (12) irrigation districts;
- 1-31 (13) industries;
- 1-32 (14) institutional water users;
- 1-33 (15) professional organizations focused on water
1-34 conservation; and
1-35 (16) higher education.

1-36 (b) The executive administrator of the Texas Water
1-37 Development Board or the administrator's designee is the presiding
1-38 officer of the task force.

1-39 SECTION 3. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. The task force shall
1-40 review, evaluate, and recommend optimum levels of water use
1-41 efficiency and conservation for the state by:

- 1-42 (1) identifying, evaluating, and selecting best
1-43 management practices for municipal, industrial, and agricultural
1-44 water uses and evaluating the costs and benefits for the selected
1-45 best management practices;
- 1-46 (2) evaluating the implementation of water
1-47 conservation strategies recommended in regional and state water
1-48 plans;
- 1-49 (3) considering the need to establish and maintain a
1-50 statewide public awareness program for water conservation;
- 1-51 (4) evaluating the proper role, if any, for state
1-52 funding of incentive programs that may facilitate the
1-53 implementation of best management practices and water conservation
1-54 strategies;
- 1-55 (5) evaluating the need for a standardized methodology
1-56 for reporting and using per capita water data, for establishing per
1-57 capita water use targets and goals, including such local effects as
1-58 climate and demographics, and for other possible uses as
1-59 appropriate; and
1-60 (6) evaluating the appropriate state oversight and
1-61 support of any conservation initiatives adopted by the legislature.

1-62 SECTION 4. ASSISTANCE OF STATE AGENCIES. The task force may
1-63 request the assistance of state agencies, departments, or offices
1-64 to carry out its duties, including necessary staff support.

2-1 SECTION 5. PUBLIC MEETINGS. The task force may hold public
2-2 meetings as needed to fulfill its duties under this Act.

2-3 SECTION 6. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES GUIDE; REPORT. Not
2-4 later than November 1, 2004, the task force shall develop a best
2-5 management practices guide for use by regional water planning
2-6 groups and political subdivisions responsible for water delivery
2-7 service and shall make a final report to the lieutenant governor,
2-8 the speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislature
2-9 evaluating the issues described in Section 3 of this Act.

2-10 SECTION 7. EXPIRATION OF ACT AND ABOLITION OF TASK FORCE.
2-11 This Act expires and the task force is abolished on January 1, 2005.

2-12 SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
2-13 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2-14 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2-15 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-16 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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