

Amend **CSSB 1** as follows:

(1) Under the Article XI appropriations to the Water Development Board (page XI-69), add the following appropriately numbered rider:

____. Contingent Appropriation: Economically Distressed Areas in Harris County and Fort Bend County. (a) Contingent on the availability of funds, the sum of \$15,100,000 is appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Water Development Board for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2005, to be used as follows:

(1) \$15,000,000 to be deposited to the credit of the Water Assistance Fund No. 480 and to be transferred by the Texas Water Development Board to the Water Loan Assistance Fund No. 481 to be used by the board to make grants to political subdivisions in Harris County and Fort Bend County for projects that provide adequate water or wastewater service to areas:

(A) in which water and wastewater services are inadequate to meet minimal needs for residential use; and

(B) that have a median household income that is not greater than 75 percent of the median state household income; and

(2) \$50,000 in each year of the biennium to support one additional full-time equivalent employee of the Texas Water Development Board to administer the program.

(b) Any unexpended balances of the amount appropriated under Subsection (a)(2) of this rider for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2005, are appropriated for the purpose specified by that subsection for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2006.

(c) The number of full-time equivalent employee positions otherwise authorized by this Act for the Texas Water Development Board is increased by one for each fiscal year of the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2005, as provided by Subsection (a)(2) of this rider.

(d) A full-time equivalent employee described by this rider

is not counted for purposes of determining whether a provision of this Act that requires a percentage reduction in the full-time equivalent employee limit shown in the bill pattern of a state agency applies to the Texas Water Development Board.

(2) Adjust the article totals (page XI-1) accordingly.