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H.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the financing of water and sewer programs in
3 disadvantaged areas in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 15, Water Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 15.009 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 15.009. ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
8 ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS. Notwithstanding other provisions of
9 this chapter, Chapter 16, or Chapter 17, a county with a population
10 of three million or more or a county with a population of 350,000 or
11 more that is adjacent to a county with a population of three million
12 or more is eligible for any financial assistance available under
13 this chapter, Chapter 16, or Chapter 17 for providing water and
14 sewer services, connections to water and sewer services, and any
15 other assistance related to water and sewer services in
16 economically distressed areas of the county.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.