

AN ACT

relating to the referral by the Texas Water Development Board of certain persons to another state agency, office, or division for investigation or enforcement action.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 6, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 6.1555 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.1555. REFERRAL FOR INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION. (a) The board, as the result of a complaint filed with the board or on the board's own motion, may refer an applicant for or recipient of financial assistance from the board to the commission, the state auditor's office, the Texas Rangers, or another state agency, office, or division, as appropriate, for the investigation of, or the initiation of an enforcement action against, the applicant or recipient.

(b) The executive administrator shall transmit the referral to the appropriate state agency, office, or division, monitor the progress of the investigation or enforcement action, and report to the board on a quarterly basis.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1462 was passed by the House on May 12, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1462 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor