

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a rainwater harvesting evaluation committee and to standards for harvested rainwater.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall establish a Rainwater Harvesting Evaluation Committee to study the feasibility of using rainwater as a source of water supply.

(b) The committee is composed of four members as follows:

(1) a representative of the Texas Water Development Board, appointed by the board;

(2) a representative of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, appointed by the commission;

(3) a representative of the Department of State Health Services, appointed by the commissioner of state health services; and

(4) a representative of the Texas section of the American Water Works Association's Conservation and Reuse Division, appointed by the governing body of that section.

(c) The representative from the Texas Water Development Board is the presiding officer of the committee.

(d) The committee may request the assistance of outside experts or consultants, as necessary.

(e) Not later than December 1, 2006, the committee shall provide a report to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the

1 house of representatives. The report must:

2 (1) evaluate the potential for rainwater harvesting in  
3 this state; and

4 (2) recommend:

5 (A) minimum water quality guidelines and  
6 standards for potable and nonpotable indoor uses of rainwater;

7 (B) treatment methods for potable and nonpotable  
8 indoor uses of rainwater;

9 (C) ways, such as dual plumbing systems, to use  
10 rainwater harvesting systems in conjunction with existing  
11 municipal water systems for residential, industrial, community, or  
12 public water supplies; and

13 (D) ways that the state can further promote  
14 rainwater harvesting.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 341, Health and Safety  
16 Code, is amended by adding Section 341.042 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 341.042. STANDARDS FOR HARVESTED RAINWATER. The  
18 commission shall establish recommended standards relating to the  
19 domestic use of harvested rainwater, including health and safety  
20 standards for treatment and collection methods for harvested  
21 rainwater intended for drinking, cooking, or bathing.

22 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than December 1, 2006, the Texas  
23 Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt standards as  
24 required by Section 341.042, Health and Safety Code, as added by  
25 this Act.

26 (b) The commission shall coordinate with the Rainwater  
27 Harvesting Evaluation Committee in developing the recommended

1 standards established and adopted under Section 341.042, Health and  
2 Safety Code.

3 SECTION 4. Section 1 of this Act expires and the Rainwater  
4 Harvesting Evaluation Committee is abolished January 1, 2007.

5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 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. 2430 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2430 on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2430 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, 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