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H.B. No. 2430

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of a rainwater harvesting evaluation
3 committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (e) Not later than December 1, 2006, the committee shall
24 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. This Act expires and the Rainwater Harvesting
16 Evaluation Committee is abolished January 1, 2007.

17 SECTION 3. 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.