

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 2494

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of certain fees by groundwater conservation
3 districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 36.207, Water Code, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 36.207. USE OF CERTAIN [~~PERMIT~~] FEES AUTHORIZED BY
8 SPECIAL LAW. A district may use funds obtained from permit fees,
9 export fees, or user fees collected pursuant to the special law
10 governing the district for any purpose consistent with the
11 district's certified water management plan, including [~~without~~
12 ~~limitation,~~] making grants, loans, or contractual payments to
13 achieve, facilitate, or expedite:

14 (1) reductions in groundwater pumping; [~~or~~]

15 (2) [~~the~~] development or distribution of alternative
16 water supplies;

17 (3) mitigation projects; or

18 (4) other projects intended to benefit residents of
19 the district, including:

20 (A) economic development; or

21 (B) educational programs related to water use.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.