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S.B. No. 1762

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board regarding
3 the impact of climate change on surface water supplies in this
4 state.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "board" means the Texas
7 Water Development Board.

8 SECTION 2. STUDY. The board, in consultation with the
9 advisory committee established under Section 3 of this Act, shall
10 conduct a study regarding the possible impact of climate change on
11 surface water supplies in this state. In conducting the study, the
12 board shall obtain any analysis conducted by a state located to the
13 west of this state regarding the impact of climate change on surface
14 water supplies in that state.

15 SECTION 3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The board shall appoint an
16 advisory committee to assist in the study. The advisory committee
17 must include representatives of:

- 18 (1) water authorities;
- 19 (2) industrial customers;
- 20 (3) agricultural interests;
- 21 (4) municipalities;
- 22 (5) fishing or recreational interests; and
- 23 (6) environmental advocacy organizations.

24 SECTION 4. REPORT. Not later than December 31, 2008, the

1 board shall submit to the legislature a written report regarding
2 the board's findings about the impact of climate change on this
3 state's surface water supplies. The report must include:

4 (1) a discussion of mitigation, conservation, and
5 other strategies that any state located to the west of this state
6 has employed to offset the impact of climate change on surface water
7 supplies in that state;

8 (2) recommendations regarding strategies for
9 implementation in this state to mitigate the impact of climate
10 change on surface water supplies; and

11 (3) a discussion of the impact of climate change on the
12 occurrence of flooding and hurricanes.

13 SECTION 5. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ABOLISHED; EXPIRATION OF ACT.
14 The advisory committee is abolished and this Act expires January 1,
15 2009.

16 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
17 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
18 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
19 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
20 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.