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H.B. No. 2374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to financing of water and wastewater connections and plumbing improvements in economically distressed areas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 17, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 17.923 to read as follows:

Sec. 17.923. RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING ASSISTANCE. (a) Among the public purposes served by this subchapter, the legislature hereby declares that it is in the public interest to protect public health and sanitation by providing financial assistance for the costs associated with first-time connection of public water supply and sanitary sewer services to residences otherwise benefiting from financial assistance under this subchapter.

(b) A political subdivision may use money from financial assistance under this subchapter to pay:

(1) costs to connect a residence to a water distribution system constructed under this subchapter;

(2) costs to provide yard service connections;

(3) costs of connecting a residence to a sewer collection system constructed under this subchapter;

(4) necessary connection fees and permit fees; or

(5) necessary costs of design related to plumbing improvements described in Subdivisions (1) through (4) of this subsection.

1 (c) A political subdivision may only use the money under
2 Subsection (b) to provide financial assistance to a United States
3 citizen.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.