

1 AN ACT

2 relating to financial assistance by the Texas Water Development  
3 Board for the connection of residences in economically distressed  
4 areas to public water supply and sanitary sewer systems.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 17, Water Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 17.9225 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 17.9225. RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION  
9 ASSISTANCE. (a) The legislature finds that, due to public health  
10 and sanitation concerns, it is in the public interest to use funds  
11 in the economically distressed areas account to provide financial  
12 assistance for the costs associated with the initial connection to  
13 public water supply and sanitary sewer systems of residences that  
14 otherwise benefit from financial assistance.

15 (b) A political subdivision may use financial assistance to  
16 pay:

17 (1) the costs of connecting a residence to a public  
18 water supply system constructed with financial assistance;

19 (2) the costs of installing yard water service  
20 connections;

21 (3) the costs of installing indoor plumbing facilities  
22 and fixtures;

23 (4) the costs of connecting a residence to a sanitary  
24 sewer system constructed with financial assistance;

1           (5) necessary connection and permit fees; and

2           (6) necessary costs related to the design of plumbing  
3 improvements described by this subsection.

4           (c) Assistance under this section shall only be provided to  
5 residents who demonstrate an inability to pay for the improvements  
6 described in Subsection (b) in accordance with board rules. If the  
7 board determines that a resident to whom assistance has been  
8 provided is ineligible to receive the assistance, the board may  
9 seek reimbursement from the resident. The board shall adopt rules  
10 to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2374 was passed by the House on April 8, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 102, Nays 43, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2374 on May 25, 2009, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2374 on May 31, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 83, Nays 59, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2374

I certify that H.B. No. 2374 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2374 on May 31, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor