

1-1 By: Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 2374  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 8, 2009;  
1-3 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 8, 2009, reported  
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following  
1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 8, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2374 By: Lucio

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to financial assistance by the Texas Water Development  
1-11 Board for the connection of residences in economically distressed  
1-12 areas to public water supply and sanitary sewer systems.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 17, Water Code, is amended  
1-15 by adding Section 17.9225 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 17.9225. RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION  
1-17 ASSISTANCE. (a) The legislature finds that, due to public health  
1-18 and sanitation concerns, it is in the public interest to use funds  
1-19 in the economically distressed areas account to provide financial  
1-20 assistance for the costs associated with the initial connection to  
1-21 public water supply and sanitary sewer systems of residences that  
1-22 otherwise benefit from financial assistance.

1-23 (b) A political subdivision may use financial assistance to  
1-24 pay:

1-25 (1) the costs of connecting a residence to a public  
1-26 water supply system constructed with financial assistance;

1-27 (2) the costs of installing yard water service  
1-28 connections;

1-29 (3) the costs of installing indoor plumbing facilities  
1-30 and fixtures;

1-31 (4) the costs of connecting a residence to a sanitary  
1-32 sewer system constructed with financial assistance;

1-33 (5) necessary connection and permit fees; and

1-34 (6) necessary costs related to the design of plumbing  
1-35 improvements described by this subsection.

1-36 (c) Assistance under this section shall only be provided to  
1-37 residents who demonstrate an inability to pay for the improvements  
1-38 described in Subsection (b) in accordance with board rules. The  
1-39 board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
1-40 section.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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