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S.B. No. 2285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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. The
7 board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this
8 section.

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