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S.B. No. 2285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) the costs of connecting a residence to a sanitary 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 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.