1-1 S.B. No. 2285 By: Lucio 1**-**2 1**-**3 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on International Relations and Trade; April 16, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: 1-4 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 16, 2009, sent to printer.) 1-6 1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 1-8 relating to financial assistance by the Texas Water Development 1-9 Board for the connection of residences in economically distressed 1-10 1-11 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 1-12 by adding Section 17.9225 to read as follows: 1-13 Sec. 17.9225. RESIDENTIAL WATER SEWER 1-14 AND CONNECTION ASSISTANCE. (a) The legislature finds that, due to public health and sanitation concerns, it is in the public interest to use funds 1**-**15 1**-**16 ASSISTANCE. 1-17 in the economically distressed areas account to provide financial 1-18 assistance for the costs associated with the initial connection to 1-19 public water supply and sanitary sewer systems of residences that 1-20 1-21 otherwise benefit from financial assistance.

(b) A political subdivision may use financial assistance to 1-22 pay: 1-23 (1)the costs of connecting a residence to a public water supply system constructed with financial assistance; 1-24 1**-**25 1**-**26 the costs of installing yard water connections; 1-27 the costs of installing indoor plumbing facilities 1-28 and fixtures; (4) 1-29 the costs of connecting a residence to a sanitary 1-30 1-31 1-32 (6) necessary costs related to the design of plumbing 1-33 improvements described by this subsection. 1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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