

House Bill 2374
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 17, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 17.923 to read as follows:

Sec. 17.923. RESIDENTIAL **PLUMBING ASSISTANCE.**

(a) **Among the public purposes served by this subchapter,** the legislature hereby declares that it is in the public interest to protect public health and sanitation by providing financial assistance for the costs associated with first-time connection of public water supply and sanitary **sewer services to residences** otherwise benefiting from financial assistance under this subchapter.

(b) A political subdivision may use money from financial assistance under this subchapter to pay:

(1) costs to connect a residence to a **water distribution system** constructed under this subchapter;

(2) costs to provide yard service connections;

(3) costs of connecting a residence to a **sewer collection system** constructed under this subchapter;

(4) necessary connection fees and permit fees; or

(5) necessary costs of design related to plumbing improvements described in Subdivisions (1) through (4) of this subsection.

(c) **A political subdivision may only use the money under Subsection (b) to provide financial assistance to a United States citizen.**

SENATE VERSION

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**

(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;

(5) necessary connection and permit fees; and

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

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

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

Same as House version.