A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the public policy for the use of innovative and
alternative water treatment technologies for water development
purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1.003, Water Code, is amended to read as
follows:

Sec. 1.003. PUBLIC POLICY. It is the public policy of the
state to provide for the conservation and development of the
state's natural resources, including:

(1) the control, storage, preservation, and
distribution of the state's storm and floodwaters and the waters of
its rivers and streams for irrigation, power, and other useful
purposes;

(2) the reclamation and irrigation of the state's
arid, semiarid, and other land needing irrigation;

(3) the reclamation and drainage of the state's
overflowed land and other land needing drainage;

(4) the conservation and development of its forest,
water, and hydroelectric power;

(5) the navigation of the state's inland and coastal
waters;

(6) the maintenance of a proper ecological environment
of the bays and estuaries of Texas and the health of related living
marine resources;

(7) the voluntary stewardship of public and private lands to benefit waters of the state; [and]

(8) the promotion of rainwater harvesting for potable and nonpotable purposes at public and private facilities in this state, including residential, commercial, and industrial buildings; and

(9) the facilitation of the efficient and effective use of innovative and alternative water treatment technologies whenever possible to meet the natural resource needs of this state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.