By: Watson  
S.B. No. 198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictive covenants regulating drought-resistant landscaping or water-conserving turf.

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

SECTION 1. Section 202.007(a), Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A property owners' association may not include or enforce a provision in a dedicatory instrument that prohibits or restricts a property owner from:

(1) implementing measures promoting solid-waste composting of vegetation, including grass clippings, leaves, or brush, or leaving grass clippings uncollected on grass;

(2) installing rain barrels or a rainwater harvesting system; [or]

(3) implementing efficient irrigation systems, including underground drip or other drip systems; or

(4) using drought-resistant landscaping or water-conserving turf.

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