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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to qualifications for a backflow prevention assembly tester license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.004, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.004. QUALIFICATIONS. (a) The commission shall establish the qualifications required by this section and, except as limited by Subsection (b), may establish additional qualifications for each license and registration issued under this chapter.

(b) The commission shall require an applicant for a backflow prevention assembly tester license to pass an examination and complete an approved 40-hour backflow prevention assembly testing training course. The commission may not require work experience for issuance of a backflow prevention assembly tester license.

SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 37.004, Water Code, as amended by this Act, not later than December 1, 2015.

(b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a backflow prevention assembly tester license submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after January 1, 2016. An application submitted before that date is

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1 governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
2 submitted, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.