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H.B. No. 3545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of an infrastructure improvement
3 council by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority; providing
4 authority to impose a voluntary assessment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1.01, Chapter 385, Acts of the 78th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding
8 Subdivision (4-b) to read as follows:

9 (4-b) "Council" means the council established under
10 Section 1B.01 of this Act.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 385, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
12 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Article IB to read as
13 follows:

14 ARTICLE IB. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

15 Sec. 1B.01. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL. (a) The
16 board shall establish an infrastructure improvement council in
17 connection with the implementation of infrastructure improvement
18 projects within the authority's territory.

19 (b) The board shall set, according to a formula determined
20 by the board, an annual voluntary assessment. Revenue from the
21 assessment imposed under this subsection shall be deposited to the
22 credit of an infrastructure improvement fund to be administered by
23 the council.

24 (c) A member of the conference that pays the voluntary

1 assessment under Subsection (b) shall appoint a representative to
2 serve as a member of the council.

3 (d) The council may apply for financial assistance under
4 Subchapters G and H, Chapter 15, Water Code, and may implement
5 infrastructure improvement projects approved by the council under
6 this article.

7 (e) The council shall study the viability of each
8 infrastructure improvement project requested by council members to
9 determine whether an infrastructure improvement project is
10 eligible to receive financial assistance from the council.

11 (f) Only members of the council are eligible to receive
12 financial assistance from the council for infrastructure
13 improvement projects under this article.

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