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H.B. No. 3545

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3545:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IB. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

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

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

(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.