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H.B. No. 174

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to
3 provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for water
4 supply projects.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.053(j), Water Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (j) The board may provide financial assistance to political
9 subdivisions for water supply projects under Subchapter J, Chapter
10 15, if the financial assistance is under the safe drinking water
11 revolving fund, and for water supply projects under Subchapters E
12 and F of this chapter, Subchapters C, ~~[D,]~~ E, ~~[F, J, O,]~~ Q, and R,
13 Chapter 15, and Subchapters D, I, K, and L, Chapter 17, ~~[for water~~
14 ~~supply projects]~~ only if:

15 (1) the board determines that the needs to be
16 addressed by the project will be addressed in a manner that is
17 consistent with the state water plan;

18 (2) beginning January 5, 2002, the board:

19 (A) has approved a regional water plan as
20 provided by Subsection (i), and any required updates of the plan,
21 for the region of the state that includes the area benefiting from
22 the proposed project; and

23 (B) determines that the needs to be addressed by
24 the project will be addressed in a manner that is consistent with

1 that regional water plan; and

2 (3) the board finds that the water audit required
3 under Section 16.0121 has been completed and filed.

4 SECTION 2. Section 17.001(17), Water Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (17) "Financial assistance" means:

7 (A) any loan of funds from the water supply
8 account, the water quality enhancement account, or the flood
9 control account to a political subdivision for construction of a
10 water supply project, including projects referenced in the state
11 water plan, treatment works, or flood control measures through the
12 purchase of bonds or other obligations of the political
13 subdivision;

14 (B) ~~[, and]~~ any loan of funds the source of which
15 is the proceeds from water financial assistance bonds; and

16 (C) financial assistance under Subchapter G or H,
17 Chapter 15, but solely for purposes of the applicability of Section
18 17.183 to the project for which the financial assistance is
19 provided.

20 SECTION 3. Section 17.172, Water Code, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 17.172. APPLICABILITY. (a) This subchapter applies to
23 financial assistance made available from the water supply account,
24 the water quality enhancement account, the flood control account,
25 and the economically distressed areas account under Subchapters D,
26 F, G, and K of this chapter.

27 (b) In addition to applying to a project for which financial

1 assistance is made available from an account described by
2 Subsection (a) of this section, Section 17.183 applies to a project
3 for which financial assistance is made available under Subchapter G
4 or H, Chapter 15.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.