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H.B. No. 2219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of property used for a water desalination project for ad valorem tax benefits under the Texas Economic Development Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 313.024(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for a limitation on appraised value under this subchapter, the entity must use the property for:

- (1) manufacturing;
- (2) research and development;
- (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code;
- (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code;
- (5) renewable energy electric generation;
- (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology;
- (7) nuclear electric power generation;
- (8) a computer center primarily used in connection with one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7) conducted by the entity; ~~or~~
- (9) a Texas priority project; or
- (10) a water desalination project.

1 SECTION 2. Section 313.024(e), Tax Code, is amended by
2 adding Subdivision (8) to read as follows:

3 (8) "Water desalination" means the removal of organic
4 and inorganic elements and compounds from saline or biologically
5 impaired waters.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.