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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.

SECTION 2.  Section 313.024(e), Tax Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (10) to read as follows:

(10)  "Water desalination" means the removal of the inorganic and organic dissolved constituents or total dissolved solids content of saline, brackish, or impaired water, including water produced in oil or gas drilling, completion, flowback, or production, to produce fresh water of usable quality for public, agricultural, industrial, environmental, or other beneficial uses.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.