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S.B. No. 1930

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of property used for a water
3 desalination project for ad valorem tax benefits under the Texas
4 Economic Development Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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