H.B. No. 4742

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of issues faced by communities with artificial drainage systems.

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

SECTION 1.  In this Act, "artificial drainage system" means a system to remove floodwater in a community that lacks topographic relief, slope, and naturally defined floodways.

SECTION 2.  The Texas Water Development Board, before January 1, 2025, may:

(1)  study issues faced by communities with artificial drainage systems; and

(2)  prepare a written report that contains possible recommendations relating to addressing identified issues facing those communities.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4742 was passed by the House on May 6, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 94, Nays 40, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4742 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 28, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

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