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S.B. No. 2541

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and administration of the Water Technical Assistance Consortium by the Texas Water Development Board.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 2, Water Code, is amended by adding Chapter 9 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9. WATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM

Sec. 9.0101. WATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM. (a)

In this section, "consortium" means the Water Technical Assistance Consortium.

(b) The board shall establish and administer the Water Technical Assistance Consortium. The consortium is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code, in the same manner and at the same time as the board under Section 6.013.

(c) The consortium is composed of representatives from:

- (1) the board;
- (2) the commission;
- (3) the United States Department of Agriculture;
- (4) the Texas Rural Water Association;
- (5) counties, including at least one representative from a county with a population of 100,000 or less;
- (6) providers of technical assistance; and
- (7) corporate and philanthropic interests.

1 (d) The consortium shall meet at least once a year to:

2 (1) assess ongoing efforts to develop and expand the
3 provision of technical assistance regarding water infrastructure
4 and water supply in the state; and

5 (2) make recommendations to the board to facilitate
6 the development and expansion of the state's water technical
7 assistance capacity with an emphasis on the provision of water
8 technical assistance regarding water infrastructure and water
9 supply to small, rural, or disadvantaged communities.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.