



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: HARRIS

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 7 (house committee report) as follows:

2 (1) On page 3 of the bill, between lines 6 and 7, insert the  
3 following:

4 Sec. 6.305. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FROM TEXAS WATER FUND  
5 ADMINISTRATIVE FUND. Pursuant to Section 15.504(f), the board  
6 shall pay from the Texas water fund administrative fund established  
7 under Section 15.508:

8 (1) the necessary and reasonable administrative  
9 expenses, including staffing expenses, incurred in administering  
10 its responsibilities under this subchapter; and

11 (2) the necessary and reasonable expenses for the  
12 procurement of professional and consulting services under Section  
13 6.303.

14 (2) On page 5, line 16, strike "(4-a)" and substitute the  
15 following:

16 (4-a) the Texas water fund administrative fund  
17 established under Section 15.508;

18 (4-b)

19 (3) On page 8, strike lines 12 through 17 and substitute the  
20 following:

21 (f) In each state fiscal year, the [The] board may transfer  
22 not more than two percent of the money deposited to the credit of  
23 the fund in that state fiscal year to the Texas water fund  
24 administrative fund established under Section 15.508 [use the fund]  
25 to pay or reimburse the board for the necessary and reasonable  
26 expenses of the board in administering the fund as provided by  
27 Section 15.508(c) [not to exceed two percent].

28 (4) On page 9, between lines 12 and 13, insert the  
29 following:

1        (c) Pursuant to Section 15.504(f), the board may pay from  
2 the Texas water fund administrative fund necessary and reasonable  
3 expenses of the board in administering the Texas water fund,  
4 including:

5            (1) staffing expenses incurred in administering its  
6 responsibilities for providing grants, loans, financial  
7 assistance, and technical assistance and procuring professional  
8 and consulting services through and for all funds eligible to  
9 receive transfers from the Texas water fund;

10           (2) carrying out responsibilities under Subchapter H,  
11 Chapter 6; and

12           (3) any purposes for which money is appropriated by  
13 the legislature from the Texas water fund administrative fund  
14 related to the Texas water fund and all funds eligible to receive  
15 transfers from the Texas water fund.

16        (5) In ARTICLE 1 of the bill, add the following  
17 appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the ARTICLE and renumber  
18 subsequent SECTIONS of the ARTICLE and cross-references to those  
19 SECTIONS accordingly:

20        SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Effective September 1, 2027, Section 15.153,  
21 Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

22        (f) For purposes of Section 7-e(c), Article VIII, Texas  
23 Constitution, groundwater is considered brackish if, at the time of  
24 production from a well, the groundwater had a total dissolved  
25 solids concentration of not less than 3,000 milligrams per liter.

26        SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Section 15.505, Water Code, is amended to  
27 read as follows:

28        Sec. 15.505. TRANSFER OF MONEY. (a) Notwithstanding any  
29 other law:

30            (1) the board may[+  
31                    [~~A~~] transfer money from the fund into any other

1 fund or account described by Section 15.502(b); and

2 ~~[(B) restore to the fund money transferred from~~  
3 ~~the fund and deposited to the credit of a fund or account described~~  
4 ~~by Section 15.502(b); and]~~

5 (2) a fund or account described by Section 15.502(b)  
6 may accept a transfer of money made under this subchapter.

7 (b) The board may not restore to the fund money transferred  
8 from the fund and deposited to the credit of a fund or account  
9 described by Section 15.502(b).

10 SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Effective September 1, 2027, Section  
11 15.505, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to  
12 read as follows:

13 (c) Of the amount of money deposited to the credit of the  
14 Texas water fund under Section 7-e, Article VIII, Texas  
15 Constitution, before September 1, 2047, the administrator of the  
16 fund shall allocate not less than 50 percent to be used only for  
17 transfer to either or both of the following funds:

18 (1) the new water supply for Texas fund established  
19 under Subchapter C-1; or

20 (2) the state water implementation fund for Texas  
21 established under Subchapter G.

22 (d) This subsection and Subsection (c) expire August 31,  
23 2047.

24 SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Water Code, is  
25 amended by adding Section 16.0123 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 16.0123. INTERIM STUDY OF INCORPORATION OF WASTEWATER  
27 PLANNING INTO STATE WATER PLANNING PROCESS. (a) Using existing  
28 resources, the executive administrator shall conduct a study to  
29 determine:

30 (1) the feasibility and practicability of  
31 incorporating planning for the development of infrastructure to

1 meet the state's current and future wastewater treatment needs into  
2 the process used to produce each state water plan under Section  
3 16.051, beginning with the five-year state water planning period  
4 ending January 5, 2032; and

5 (2) the statutory changes necessary to facilitate the  
6 incorporation of the wastewater treatment planning described by  
7 Subdivision (1) into the process used to produce each state water  
8 plan under Section 16.051, beginning with the five-year state water  
9 planning period ending January 5, 2032.

10 (b) Not later than December 1, 2026, the executive  
11 administrator shall provide a report of the study's findings to:

12 (1) the governor;

13 (2) the lieutenant governor;

14 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives;

15 (4) each member of the Texas Water Fund Advisory  
16 Committee established under Section 15.009; and

17 (5) each member of the standing committees of the  
18 senate and the house of representatives having primary jurisdiction  
19 over water resources.

20 (c) This section expires May 31, 2027.

21 (6) On page 20, line 15, strike "January 1, 2026" and  
22 substitute "September 1, 2027".

23 (7) In SECTION 4.01 of the bill, immediately following  
24 Subsection (b) of the SECTION (page 20, immediately following line  
25 19), add the following appropriately lettered subsection:

26 ( ) The sections of this Act adding Sections 15.153(f) and  
27 15.505(c) and (d), Water Code, take effect September 1, 2027, but  
28 only if the constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 7, 89th  
29 Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, is approved by the voters. If  
30 that amendment is not approved by the voters, those sections of this  
31 Act have no effect.