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H.B. No. 2346

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by a county.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 562, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. WATER CONSERVATION

Sec. 562.051. WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. (a) The commissioners court of a county by order may adopt a water conservation program. Except as provided by Subsection (b), a water conservation program adopted under this section may establish for the unincorporated area of the county, including the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality:

(1) water use restrictions;

(2) water conservation standards applicable to a development, redevelopment, or subdivision of a tract of land that begins after August 31, 2025; and

(3) other strategies intended to reduce water use, water loss, or otherwise conserve water resources.

(b) Water use restrictions and water conservation standards established under Subsection (a) do not apply to an agricultural operation, as defined by Section 251.002, Agriculture Code.

(c) To the extent of a conflict between a county order adopted under this section and a municipal ordinance regulating the

1 same conduct, the ordinance prevails.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.