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H.B. No. 2347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by certain counties.

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 FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county that has a population greater than 230,000, is wholly or partly located within the boundaries of the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area, and is adjacent to a county with a population greater than one million.

(b) The commissioners court of a county by order may adopt a water conservation program. Except as provided by Subsection (c), a water conservation program adopted under this section may establish for the unincorporated area of the county, including the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, water conservation standards applicable to a development, redevelopment, or subdivision of a tract of land that begins after August 31, 2025.

(c) Water conservation standards established under Subsection (b) apply only to water used for landscaping on a tract of land being developed, redeveloped, or subdivided for residential development.

1        (d) To the extent of a conflict between a county order  
2 adopted under this section and a permit, rule, ordinance, or other  
3 measure issued by a governmental entity and regulating the same  
4 conduct:

5            (1) if the governmental entity is a municipality, the  
6 municipal measure prevails; or

7            (2) if the governmental entity is a political  
8 subdivision other than a municipality, the more stringent  
9 regulation prevails.

10        Sec. 562.052. EXPIRATION. This subchapter and any water  
11 conservation programs adopted under Section 562.051 expire  
12 September 1, 2031.

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