

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an interlocal contract with certain governmental entities to participate in water research or planning activities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 791, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 791.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 791.038. CONTRACTS FOR WATER RESEARCH OR PLANNING. A local government may contract with another local government, the state, or the federal government to jointly participate in research or planning activities related to water resources.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 480 passed the Senate on March 11, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 480 passed the House on May 15, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor