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S.B. No. 2114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the removal of certain proposed reservoir sites from the state water plan.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.051(g-1), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g-1) Notwithstanding any other ~~[provisions of]~~ law, except as provided by Section 16.0511, a site is considered to be a designated site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir if the site is recommended for designation in the 2007 state water plan adopted by the board and in effect on May 1, 2007. The designation of a unique reservoir site under this subsection terminates on September 1, 2015, unless there is an affirmative vote by a proposed project sponsor to make expenditures necessary in order to construct or file applications for permits required in connection with the construction of the reservoir under federal or state law.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 16, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 16.0511 to read as follows:

Sec. 16.0511. REMOVAL OF CERTAIN SITES FOR PROPOSED RESERVOIR FROM STATE WATER PLAN. (a) Notwithstanding Section 16.051, the board shall remove a site designated as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir in the state water plan under Section 16.051, regardless of the site's inclusion in a

1 regional water plan under Section 16.053, if construction for a  
2 proposed reservoir project at the site does not begin before the  
3 50th anniversary of the site's initial inclusion in any version of  
4 the plan.

5 (b) A site removed from the state water plan under  
6 Subsection (a) may not be included in any subsequent version of the  
7 plan.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.