BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not require a loan for water connections to be provided to low-income families. S.B. 1422 would make loans to low-income families for the costs of connecting a private residence to a water or sewer line.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1422 authorizes the Texas Water Development Board to make loans to low- income families for water connections.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 17K, Water Code, by adding Section 17.9345, as follows:

Sec. 17.9345. RESIDENTIAL HOOKUPS. Authorizes the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to a political subdivision under this subchapter for the purpose of making loans to individuals to pay costs of connecting a private residence to a water or sewer line, fees or permits required for residential connections, indoor plumbing lines and fixtures, and installation of indoor plumbing lines and fixtures.

SECTION 2. Effective date: the date on which the constitutional amendment proposed by _J.R. No._, 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, takes effect. Provides that this Act has no effect, if that amendment is not approved by the voters.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.