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H.B. No. 2663

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of quantifiable goals for drought
3 contingency plans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.1272, Water Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

7 (c) By January 1, 2005, a drought contingency plan required
8 by commission rule adopted under this section must include
9 specific, quantified 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year targets for water
10 use reductions to be achieved during periods of water shortages and
11 drought. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets.

12 (d) The commission and the board by joint rule shall
13 identify quantified target goals for drought contingency plans that
14 wholesale and retail public water suppliers, irrigation districts,
15 and other entities may use as guidelines in preparing drought
16 contingency plans. Goals established under this subsection are not
17 enforceable requirements.

18 (e) The commission and the board jointly shall develop
19 model drought contingency programs for different types of water
20 suppliers that suggest best management practices for accomplishing
21 the highest practicable levels of water use reductions achievable
22 during periods of water shortages and drought for each specific
23 type of water supplier.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.