Lopez of Cameron, et al. (Senate Sponsor - LaMantia) H.B. No. 4742 1-1 By: 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023; May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.) 1-5 1-6

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COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Perry	Х			
1-10	Hancock	Х			
1-11	Blanco	Х			
1-12	Flores	Х			
1-13	Gutierrez			Х	
1-14	Johnson	Х			
1-15	Kolkhorst	Х			
1-16	Sparks	Х			
1-17	Springer	X			

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-20 relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of issues 1-21 faced by communities with artificial drainage systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. In this Act, "artificial drainage system" means 1-22 1-23 1-24 a system to remove floodwater in a community that lacks topographic relief, slope, and naturally defined floodways. SECTION 2. The Texas Water Development 1-25

1-26 Board, before 1-27 1-28

January 1, 2025, may: (1) study issues faced by communities with artificial 1-29 drainage systems; and

(2) prepare a written report that contains possible recommendations relating to addressing identified issues facing 1-30 1-31 1-32 those communities. 1-33

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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