

CHAPTER 821

S.B. No. 863

An Act relating to the definition of 'project' to include certain projects for maintenance and enhancement of water quality under state water assistance and water development programs; amending Subdivision (6), Section 15.001; Subdivision (7), Section 16.001; and Subdivision (6), Section 17.001, Water Code, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subdivision (6), Section 15.001, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(6) ‘Project’ means:

“(A) any undertaking or work to conserve, convey, and develop surface or subsurface water resources of the state, to provide for the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the water of the state, to provide flood control and drainage, and to carry out other purposes defined by board rules; *or*

“(B) any undertaking or work outside the state to provide for the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of water by eliminating saline inflow through well pumping and deep well injection of brine.”

SECTION 2. Subdivision (7), Section 16.001, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(7) ‘Project’ means:

“(A) any engineering undertaking or work to conserve and develop surface or subsurface water resources of the state, including the control, storage, and preservation of its storm water and floodwater and the water of its rivers and streams for all useful and lawful purposes by the acquisition, improvement, extension, or construction of dams, reservoirs, and other water storage projects, including underground storage projects, filtration and water treatment plants including any system necessary to transport water from storage to points of distribution, or from storage to filtration and treatment plants, including facilities for transporting water therefrom to wholesale purchasers, by the acquisition, by purchase of rights in underground water, by the drilling of wells, or for any one or more of these purposes or methods; *or*

“(B) any engineering undertaking or work outside the state to provide for the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of water by eliminating saline inflow through well pumping and deep well injection of brine.”

SECTION 3. Subdivision (6), Section 17.001, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(6) ‘Project’ means:

“(A) any engineering undertaking or work to conserve and develop surface or subsurface water resources of the state, including the control, storage, and preservation of its storm water and floodwater and the water of its rivers and streams for all useful and lawful purposes by the acquisition, improvement, extension, or construction of dams, reservoirs, and other water storage projects, including underground storage projects, filtration and water treatment plants, including any system necessary to transport water from storage to points of distribution or from storage to filtration and treatment plants, including facilities for transporting water therefrom to wholesale purchasers by the acquisition, by purchase of rights in underground water, by the drilling of wells, or for any one or more of these purposes or methods; *or*

“(B) any engineering undertaking or work outside the state to provide for the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of water by eliminating saline inflow through well pumping and deep well injection of brine.”

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 5. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 21, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 15, 1985

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