

CHAPTER 876

H.B. No. 2249

AN ACT

relating to the emphasis of water conservation in certain advanced research and technology programs at institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.002, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 142.002. PURPOSE. The advanced research program is established to encourage and provide support for basic research conducted by faculty members in astronomy, atmospheric science, biological and behavioral sciences, chemistry, computer sciences, earth sciences, engineering, information science, mathematics, material sciences, oceanography, physics, *the reduction of industrial, agricultural, and domestic water use*, [and] social sciences, *and related disciplines* in eligible institutions.

SECTION 2. Section 143.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 143.003. PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS. The technology program may provide support for faculty members to conduct research in areas determined by an advisory panel appointed by the coordinating board. Initial research areas shall include: agriculture, biotechnology, biomedicine, energy, environment, materials science, microelectronics, aerospace, marine science, aquaculture, telecommunications, manufacturing science, *the reduction of industrial, agricultural, and domestic water use*, [and] recycling, *and related disciplines*. The advisory panel may add or delete priority research areas as the panel considers warranted.

SECTION 3. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 29, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.