



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION PROVIDING TAX EXEMPTIONS
FOR RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, Hays County highly values water use efficiency and strongly encourages water conservation; and

WHEREAS, "rainwater harvesting" (the collection, storage, treatment, and use of rainwater for beneficial purposes) helps to conserve our essential drinking water supplies and reduce demand on our water sources; and

WHEREAS, the construction of rainwater harvesting systems require large investments; and

WHEREAS, though many jurisdictions offer rebate programs in order to encourage the use of rainwater harvesting, the value of these rebates is often less than the increase in taxes associated with the taxable property value of the rainwater harvesting system; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1193, filed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session, provides a local option for a governing body to exempt from taxation the portion of the appraised value of property that is attributable to the installation on the property of a rainwater harvesting system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Hays County supports House Bill 1193 as filed and attached as Exhibit 'A'.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2015

Bert Cobb
Hays County Judge

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1
Will Conley
Commissioner, Pct. 3
Mark Jones
Commissioner, Pct. 2
Ray Whisenant
Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Liz Q. Gonzalez
Hays County Clerk

Exhibit A

By: Isaac

H.B. No. 1193

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of the
3 portion of the appraised value of a person's property that is
4 attributable to the installation on the property of a rainwater
5 harvesting system.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Tax Code, is amended by
8 adding Section 11.325 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 11.325. RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS. The governing
10 body of a taxing unit by official action of the governing body
11 adopted in the manner required by law for official actions may
12 exempt from taxation the portion of the appraised value of property
13 that is attributable to the installation on the property of a
14 rainwater harvesting system.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed
16 for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.