

By: Perry

S.B. No. 2660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District;
3 authorizing a fee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 8843.153, Special District Local Laws
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 8843.153. TAXES [AND OTHER FEES] PROHIBITED.
8 Notwithstanding Section 8843.101 or Subchapter G, Chapter 36, Water
9 Code, the district may not[:

10 [(1)] impose a tax[; or

11 [(2) assess or collect any fees except as authorized
12 by Section 8843.151 or 8843.152].

13 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 8843, Special District
14 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8843.1511 to read as
15 follows:

16 Sec. 8843.1511. PRODUCTION FEE. (a) The district may
17 assess a production fee as provided by Section 36.205, Water Code.

18 (b) A fee assessed under this section may not exceed the
19 greater of:

20 (1) 38 cents per 1,000 gallons of groundwater
21 withdrawn; or

22 (2) the raw surface water cost of other wholesale
23 water suppliers providing water to customers in the district.

24 (c) The district may use revenues generated by fees assessed

1 under this section for any lawful purpose.

2 (d) This section does not apply to:

3 (1) a well used exclusively for an agricultural use,
4 as defined by Section 36.001, Water Code; or

5 (2) a well that is exempt under district rules.

6 SECTION 3. The following provisions of Chapter 8843,
7 Special District Local Laws Code, are repealed:

8 (1) Section 8843.055;

9 (2) Section 8843.057;

10 (3) Section 8843.103;

11 (4) Section 8843.104;

12 (5) Section 8843.105;

13 (6) Section 8843.106; and

14 (7) Section 8843.154.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.