AN ACT
relating to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to increase certain fees; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8843.051(b), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Directors serve staggered four-year [two-year] terms.

SECTION 2. Section 8843.053, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8843.053. ELECTION DATE. On the uniform election date in November [May] of each even-numbered year, the appropriate number of directors shall be elected.

SECTION 3. Section 8843.103, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8843.103. WELL CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION PERMIT. Notwithstanding Section 8843.104, a landowner must notify the district before [Except as provided by Sections 8843.104(b) and (c), the district may require a permit for] the construction of a new well that is to be completed after September 1, 2013 [2014].

SECTION 4. Section 8843.104, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-i) to read as follows:

(a) Groundwater withdrawals from the following wells [are exempt from the requirements of Chapter 36, Water Code, and] may not be regulated, permitted, or metered by the district:

(1) a well used for domestic use by a single private residential household and incapable of producing more [less] than 25,000 gallons per day; and

(2) a well used for conventional farming and ranching activities, including such intensive operations as aquaculture, livestock feedlots, or poultry operations.

(b) The district may not charge or collect a well construction fee for [require a permit to construct] a well described by Subsection (a)(2).

(b-i) A well owner must obtain a permit and pay any required fees, including a well construction fee, before using any groundwater withdrawn from a well for purposes other than those exempted by this section.

SECTION 5. Section 8843.151, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8843.151. WELL CONSTRUCTION [PERMIT] FEE. The district may charge and collect a new well construction [permit] fee not to exceed $1,000 [$300] for a new well [for which the district requires a permit under Section 8843.103].

SECTION 6. Subchapter D, Chapter 8843, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8843.1515 to read as follows:

Sec. 8843.1515. PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FEE. The district may charge and collect a permit renewal application fee not to exceed $400.

SECTION 7. Section 8843.152(b), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The district may levy and collect a water utility service connection fee not to exceed $1,000 [$300] for each new water service connection made after September 1, 2013 [2004].

SECTION 8. Sections 8843.102 and 8843.155, Special District Local Laws Code, are repealed.

SECTION 9. Section 8843.151, Special District Local Laws Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a well for which construction begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

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A well for which construction begins before that date is governed by the law in effect when the construction began, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 10. The change in law made by Section 8843.1515, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for the renewal of a permit submitted to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District after September 1, 2013. An application submitted before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 11. To establish staggered four-year terms of office as required by Sections 8843.051(b) and 8843.053, Special District Local Laws Code, as amended by this Act, a director elected in November 2012 shall serve a term expiring December 1, 2014, and a director elected in November 2013 shall serve a term expiring December 1, 2016.

SECTION 12. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3903 on May 23, 2013, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3903 on May 26, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3903 on May 26, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1119

H.B. No. 3905

AN ACT relating to the Angleton–Danbury Hospital District of Brazoria County, Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1002.051(f), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Directors serve staggered four-year terms. The district shall hold an election each odd-numbered year to elect the appropriate number of directors [two-year terms unless four-year terms are established under Section 255.081, Health and Safety Code. If the directors serve two-year terms, the terms of directors elected to odd-numbered positions expire in even-numbered years and the terms of directors elected to even-numbered positions expire in odd-numbered years].

SECTION 2. Section 1002.058, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1002.058. [STAFF PHYSICIAN] OFFICE FACILITIES. (a) In this section, "licensed health care professional" means any individual who is licensed or certified by or registered in this state to provide health care.

(b) The board shall determine the type, number, and location of buildings necessary to establish and maintain office facilities for staff physicians, physicians employed under Section 1002.081, and other licensed health care professionals to provide adequate health [medical] care services for the district within the licensed health care professionals' scope of license.

(c) [4b] The board may: