Sec. 785.005. CANINE HANDLER CREDENTIALS. A person may ask a search and rescue dog handler to display proof that the handler is a person with a certification issued by the National Association for Search and Rescue or another state or nationally recognized search and rescue agency.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on May 2, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 129, Nays 5, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 467

S.B. No. 1012

AN ACT

relating to the McMullen Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle H, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8874 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8874. MCMULLEN GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8874.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
(1) "Board" means the district’s board of directors.
(2) "Director" means a board member.
(3) "District" means the McMullen Groundwater Conservation District.

Sec. 8874.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a groundwater conservation district created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8874.003. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT. (a) The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.

(b) All land and other property included in the district will benefit from the works and projects accomplished by the district under the powers conferred by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8874.004. DISTRICT TERRITORY. The district’s boundaries are coextensive with the boundaries of McMullen County unless the district’s territory has been modified under:
(1) Subchapter J, Chapter 36, Water Code; or
(2) other law.

Sec. 8874.005. DISTRICT NAME CHANGE. The board may change the district’s name when the district annexes territory.

[Sections 8874.006-8874.050 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 8874.051. COMPOSITION OF BOARD; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five directors.

(b) Directors serve staggered four-year terms.

Sec. 8874.052. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. (a) Directors are elected according to the commissioners precinct method as provided by this section.

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(b) One director is elected by the voters of the entire district. One director is elected from each county commissioners precinct by the voters of that precinct.

(c) A person shall indicate on the application for a place on the ballot:

(1) the precinct that the person seeks to represent; or

(2) that the person seeks to represent the district at large.

(d) When the boundaries of the county commissioners precincts are changed, each director in office on the effective date of the change or elected to a term of office beginning on or after the effective date of the change serves in the precinct to which the director was elected for the entire term to which the director was elected, even though the change in boundaries places the person's residence outside the precinct for which the person was elected.

Sec. 8874.053. ELECTION DATE. On the uniform election date in November of each odd-numbered year, the appropriate number of directors shall be elected.

Sec. 8874.054. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE. (a) To be qualified to be a candidate for or to serve as director at large, a person must be a registered voter in the district.

(b) To be a candidate for or to serve as director from a county commissioners precinct, a person must be a registered voter of that precinct, except as provided by Section 8874.052(d).

(c) A person is not eligible to serve as a director unless the person owns land in the district.

Sec. 8874.055. BOARD VACANCY. If there is a vacancy on the board, the remaining directors shall appoint a director to serve the remainder of the term.

[Sections 8874.056–8874.100 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 8874.101. GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the rights, powers, privileges, functions, and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapter 36, Water Code, applicable to groundwater conservation districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

[Sections 8874.102–8874.150 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8874.151. LIMITATION ON TAXES. The district may not impose an ad valorem tax at a rate that exceeds five cents on each $100 valuation of taxable property in the district.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 1, Chapter 1331 (S.B. 1911), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following groundwater conservation districts are created:

(1) Crossroads Groundwater Conservation District;

(2) [McMullen Groundwater Conservation District;]

(3) Red Sands Groundwater Conservation District; and

(4) Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 2, Chapter 1331 (S.B. 1911), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The [boundaries of the following groundwater conservation districts are coextensive with county boundaries as follows:]

(4) the boundaries of the Crossroads Groundwater Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of Victoria County[; and]

(2) the boundaries of the McMullen Groundwater Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of McMullen County].

SECTION 4. The following statutes are repealed:

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(1) Part 6, Article 3, Chapter 966 (Senate Bill No. 2), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001; and

(2) Chapter 1378 (Senate Bill No. 1764), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

SECTION 5. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 8, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 468

S.B. No. 1060

AN ACT

relating to family cost share provisions in the early childhood intervention program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 117, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Sections 117.077 and 117.078 to read as follows:

Sec. 117.077. DATA ANALYSIS IN FAMILY COST SHARE PROVISIONS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM. (a) In this section, “cost-effective” means the family cost share revenue generated is greater than total administrative costs.

(b) The department shall collect data, including data on administrative costs and adjusted family income, sufficient to evaluate:

(1) the cost-effectiveness of the family cost share provisions of the early childhood intervention program; and

(2) changes necessary to improve the cost-effectiveness of the program.

(c) The department shall:

(1) as necessary, modify the Texas Kids Intervention Data System to accept adjusted family income data submitted by early childhood intervention program providers; and

(2) require all providers to enter adjusted family income data into the system.

(d) The department shall use the data collected under this section to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of existing family cost share provisions in the early childhood intervention program and consider changes that may improve the cost-effectiveness of the program, including the adoption of a family cost share provision described by Section 117.078(a).

(e) The department shall implement any changes considered under Subsection (d) that the department determines will make the family cost share provisions of the early childhood intervention program more cost-effective, if the changes will not make access to early