

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Texas faces a difficult challenge to develop water policies that serve both state and regional interests. The Texas Constitution authorizes the creation of groundwater conservation districts to plan, develop, and regulate the use of water. H.B. 3655 creates the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, subject to approval at a confirmation election, to manage groundwater resources in Grimes, Washington, Waller, Austin, and Walker counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the board of directors of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District in SECTION 6 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. CREATION. Sets forth provisions regarding the creation of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (district).

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. Defines “district.”

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES. Sets forth guidelines regarding the boundaries of the district.

SECTION 4. FINDING OF BENEFIT. Sets forth provisions regarding the finding of benefit of the district.

SECTION 5. GENERAL POWERS. Sets forth provisions regarding the general powers of the district.

SECTION 6. FEES. Sets forth provisions regarding the district by rule imposing certain fees.

SECTION 8. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the appointment of directors of the district.

SECTION 9. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. Requires the directors of the district to convene for an organizational meeting.

SECTION 10. CONFIRMATION ELECTION. Sets forth provisions regarding the calling and holding of a confirmation election.

SECTION 11. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS. Provides that the required notice and intention of the district has been published and furnished to certain persons and entities.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2001.