

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 872  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 872 amends the enabling Act of the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District (GCD), located in Hardeman, Childress, Cottle, Foard, Motley, and King counties. The legislation raises the cap of 11 total directors on the Gateway GCD Board, to two directors per county. This will allow the Gateway GCD to have 12 directors and allow future growth.

As proposed, S.B. 872 amends current law relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 8839.051(a), Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District (district) is governed by a board of not more than two directors for each county in the district, rather than in the manner provided by Section 36.051 (Board of Directors), Water Code. Authorizes the board to change the total number of directors on the board if the district annexes territory.

SECTION 2. (a) Provides that 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) Provides that the governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

(c) Provides that TCEQ 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) Provides that 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 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.