

By: Orr, Harris of Anderson, et al.

H.B. No. 2332

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2332:

By: Ashby

C.S.H.B. No. 2332

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the approval by the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the  
3 authorization for an appropriation of water from certain water  
4 bodies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Water Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 11.1274 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 11.1274. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT: APPROVAL OF  
9 APPROPRIATION FROM CERTAIN WATER BODIES. The commission may not  
10 approve an application for a new or amended water right authorizing  
11 an appropriation of water from Big Brown Creek or Fairfield Lake in  
12 the Trinity River basin of Freestone County unless the application  
13 has first been approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
15 new or amended water right for which an application is pending  
16 before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the  
17 effective date of this Act or is filed with the commission on or  
18 after that date.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.