

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 4119
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 18, 2023, reported favorably
 1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2023, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production
 1-21 area authorizations.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 27.0513(d), Water Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (d) Notwithstanding Sections 5.551, 5.556, 27.011, and
 1-26 27.018, an application for an authorization or an amendment to an
 1-27 authorization that allows the permit holder to conduct mining and
 1-28 restoration activities in production zones within the boundary
 1-29 established in the permit is an uncontested matter not subject to a
 1-30 contested case hearing or the hearing requirements of Chapter 2001,
 1-31 Government Code, if:

1-32 (1) the authorization is for a production zone located
 1-33 within the boundary of a permit that incorporates, for each
 1-34 production zone addressed in the application, a range table of
 1-35 groundwater quality restoration values used to measure groundwater
 1-36 restoration by the commission;

1-37 (2) the application includes, for each production zone
 1-38 addressed in the application, groundwater quality restoration
 1-39 values falling at or below the upper limit of the range established
 1-40 in Subdivision (1); and

1-41 (3) the authorization is for a production zone located
 1-42 within the boundary of a permit that incorporates groundwater
 1-43 baseline characteristics of the wells for the application required
 1-44 by commission rule.

1-45 SECTION 2. Sections 27.0513(f) and (g), Water Code, are
 1-46 repealed.

1-47 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-48 to an application for an authorization or an amendment to an
 1-49 authorization that is submitted to the Texas Commission on
 1-50 Environmental Quality on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-51 An application for an authorization or an amendment to an
 1-52 authorization that was submitted to the commission before the
 1-53 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the
 1-54 time the application or amendment was submitted, and the former law
 1-55 is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-56 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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