BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2348 By: Casteel Natural Resources Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District was given full regulatory powers, but the creation of the district required confirmation by the voters. At the November 2002 election, the voters rejected the confirmation of the district. As proposed, H.B. 2348 dissolves the Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

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Provides that the Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, as created by Chapter 1331, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, and the creation of which was ratified by Part 10, Article 3, Chapter 966, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, and Chapter 1335, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session 2001, is dissolved except that: (1) All debt incurred by the district shall be paid. (2) Any assets that remain after the payment of the debts shall be transferred to Comal County. (3) All organization of the district shall be maintained until all debts are paid and the remaining assets are transferred.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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