

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. 3602 creates the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District, subject to approval at a confirmation election, to manage Brazoria County's groundwater resources.

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. CREATION

SECTION 2. DEFINITION.

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES.

SECTION 4. FINDING OF BENEFIT.

SECTION 5. GENERAL POWERS.

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SECTION 9. CONFIRMATION AND INITIAL DIRECTORS' ELECTION.

SECTION 10. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 11. LIMITATIONS ON POWERS.

SECTION 12. FEE ON GROUNDWATER TRANSFERRED OUT OF DISTRICT.

SECTION 13. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 14. REPEALER.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION DATE. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Provides that if the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election held under Section 9 of this Act before December 31, 2006, this Act expires on that date.