

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 934
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Environmental Regulation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may accept laboratory results from accredited laboratories or in-house and on-site laboratories that are periodically inspected by TCEQ. As proposed, S.B. 934 clarifies that a company that hosts another company on the same site can provide laboratory services that will be accepted by TCEQ; provides that a company can use results from its own laboratories out-of-state if TCEQ has reason to believe the laboratory is controlled as well as laboratories are controlled in Texas; and allows TCEQ to accept laboratory results from inhouse or on-site laboratories that are subject to inspection when the work is being done for a state agency, a charitable organization, or a public-private partnership.

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.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 5.127, Water Code, as added by Chapter 965, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (e), as follows: (a) Makes a conforming change relating to the addition of proposed Subsection (e). (b) Authorizes TCEQ to accept for use in TCEQ decisions data and analysis prepared by certain entities, including an on-site or in-house environmental testing laboratory if the laboratory is periodically inspected by TCEQ or is located in another state and is accredited or periodically inspected by that state. (e) Authorizes TCEQ to accept for use in TCEQ decisions data from an on-site or in-house laboratory if the laboratory is performing the work for another company with a unit located on the same site or without compensation for a governmental agency or a charitable organization if the laboratory is periodically inspected by TCEQ.

SECTION 2.

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