

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Interim Report of the Texas Joint Committee on Water Resources to the 78th Legislature, 2003, suggests that the Texas Water Development Board and regional water planning groups should work together to develop recommendations on how to define and evaluate water-use efficiency measures that will be needed to meet the goals and strategies identified for inclusion in the state and regional water plans. As proposed, S.B. 1094 establishes the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force to review, evaluate, and recommend optimum levels of water use efficiency and conservation for Texas.

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. DEFINITION. Defines "task force."

SECTION 2. WATER CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE. (a) Requires the Texas Water Development Board (board) to select members of the water conservation implementation task force (task force) to represent certain entities and interest groups from applicants recommended by certain entities and interest groups.

(b) Provides that the executive administrator of the board or the administrator's designee is the presiding officer of the task force.

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. Requires the task force to review, evaluate, and recommend optimum levels of water use efficiency and conservation for the state by following certain guidelines.

SECTION 4. ASSISTANCE OF STATE AGENCIES. Authorizes the task force to request the assistance of state agencies, departments, or offices to carry out its duties, including necessary staff support.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC MEETINGS. Authorizes the task force to hold public meetings as needed to fulfill its duties under this Act.

SECTION 6. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES GUIDE; REPORT. Requires the task force, not later than November 1, 2004, to develop a best management practices guide for use by regional water planning groups and political subdivisions responsible for water delivery service and to make a final report to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislature evaluating the issues described in Section 3 of this Act.

SECTION 7. EXPIRATION OF ACT AND ABOLITION OF TASK FORCE. Provides that this Act expires and the task force is abolished on January 1, 2005.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.