

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The 77th Texas Legislature created the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District (district) to address critical, or future critical, water shortage in the area. The legislation also provided that under certain conditions, a public water supply well is exempt from regulation by the district and from payment of fees to the district. S.B. 1570 clarifies the conditions for exemption by defining a timely completed well. This bill also prohibits the district from taking certain actions.

### **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. Amends Section 16, Chapter 1312, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, by adding Subsections (e) and (f), as follows:

- (e) Clarifies Subsection (a) (2) in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's technical requirements by defining the level of well installation and the deadline for completion required to qualify for exemption.
- (f) Prohibits the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District from prohibiting the sale, purchase, lease, or trade of groundwater by a private well owner under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.