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H.B. No. 2950

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the powers of a groundwater conservation district
3 protecting the historic use of groundwater.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 36.113, Water Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (h) to read as follows:

7 (h) In implementing Subsection (e) or Section 36.116(b), a
8 district may institute a process requiring an existing or historic
9 user to prove the amount of groundwater that the user applied to a
10 beneficial use during the period that is not less than 10 or more
11 than 21 years before the date of adoption or the date notice is
12 published of a rule that establishes a class of existing or historic
13 users to be protected by the district under Subsection (e) or
14 Section 36.116(b).

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.