

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 3036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the privacy of site-specific groundwater information
3 gathered on private property.

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

5 SECTION 1. Amend Section 16.012, Water Code by adding a new
6 Subsection (n) to read as follows:

7 (n) Information collected by the executive administrator
8 for use in the development of groundwater availability models under
9 subsection (l) of this section that reveals site-specific landowner
10 information is not subject to Chapter 552, Government Code, and may
11 not be disclosed to any person, provided that the landowner has
12 requested that such information be deemed confidential. The
13 executive administrator or his designee shall advise the landowner
14 of the right to request that information be deemed confidential
15 under this subsection at the time that the permission is requested
16 from the landowner to conduct groundwater studies or surveys on the
17 landowner's property. If a landowner requests that his or her
18 information not be disclosed, the executive administrator may
19 release information regarding groundwater information only if the
20 information is summarized in a manner that prevents the
21 identification of an individual or specific parcel of land and the
22 landowner. This subsection does not apply to a parcel of land that
23 is publicly owned.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.