

1-1 By: Armbrister S.B. No. 1378
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2003; March 19, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 April 24, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 24, 2003,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1378 By: Staples

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the disposal of brine from desalination operations.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended
1-13 by adding Section 27.021 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 27.021. PERMIT FOR DISPOSAL OF BRINE FROM DESALINATION
1-15 OPERATIONS IN CLASS I WELLS. (a) The commission may issue a permit
1-16 to dispose of brine produced by a desalination operation in a Class
1-17 I injection well if the applicant for the permit meets all the
1-18 statutory and regulatory requirements for the issuance of a permit
1-19 for a Class I injection well.

1-20 (b) The commission by rule shall provide for public notice
1-21 and comment on an application for a permit authorized by this
1-22 section. Notwithstanding Section 27.018, an application for a
1-23 permit authorized by this section is not subject to the hearing
1-24 requirements of Chapter 2001, Government Code.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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