

1-1 By: Staples S.B. No. 1639
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2003; March 20, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 April 22, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 22, 2003,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1639 By: Staples

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

1-10 relating to regulation of spacing and production of groundwater
1-11 from aquifers by a groundwater conservation district.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 36.116, Water Code, is amended by adding
1-14 Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-15 (d) For better management of the groundwater resources
1-16 located in a district or if a district determines that conditions in
1-17 or use of an aquifer differ substantially from one geographic area
1-18 of the district to another, the district may adopt different rules
1-19 for:

1-20 (1) each aquifer, subdivision of an aquifer, or
1-21 geologic strata located in whole or in part within the boundaries of
1-22 the district; or

1-23 (2) each geographic area overlying an aquifer or
1-24 subdivision of an aquifer located in whole or in part within the
1-25 boundaries of the district.

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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