

AN ACT

relating to permit requirements for groundwater transfers out of Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 5, Chapter 1330, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The district by rule may require a person to obtain a permit from the district for the transfer of groundwater out of the district consistent with Section 36.122, Water Code, and may regulate the terms on which a permit holder under those rules may conduct such a transfer. A retail public utility as defined by Section 13.002, Water Code, is not required to obtain a permit to transfer groundwater out of the district if:

(1) the source of the water is one or more wells located within the district; and

(2) the water is used by the retail public utility to provide retail water utility service, as defined by Section 13.002, Water Code, in a service area located in a county adjacent to the district.

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

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1899 passed the Senate on May 13, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1899 passed the House on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor