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S.B. No. 1899

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to permit requirements for groundwater transfers out of  
3 Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District.

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

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

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

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

16 [~~(2) the water is used by the retail public utility to  
17 provide retail water utility service, as defined by Section 13.002,  
18 Water Code.]~~

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