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S.B. No. 1900

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to permit requirements for groundwater transfers out of
3 Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5(b), Chapter 1387, 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. [~~The district
10 may determine that a transfer of groundwater produced within the
11 district's boundaries for use outside the district's boundaries
12 will not be considered a transfer outside the district if:~~

13 [~~(1) the transfer is for use as a potable water supply
14 by a retail public utility as defined by Section 13.002, Water Code,
15 and is within an authorized service area of which an appropriate
16 portion, as determined by the district, is located inside the
17 district's boundaries; or~~

18 [~~(2) the transfer involves an emergency potable water
19 interconnect between retail public utilities, as defined by Section
20 13.002, Water Code.]~~

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.