BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2140 By: Phillips Natural Resources Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Local governments and the citizens they represent have a vested interest in knowing when a reservoir is being proposed in their area. H.B. 2140 would require that when an application is filed to construct a storage reservoir, the application must contain evidence that notice of the application had been given to members of the governing bodies of each county and municipality in which the reservoir will be located.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

- SECTION 1. Adds Subsection (f) to 11.124, Water Code, to require that when an application is filed to construct a storage reservoir, the application must contain evidence that notice of the application had been given to members of the governing bodies of each county and municipality in which the reservoir will be located.
- SECTION 2. Provides that the changes made by this bill apply only to an application for a permit filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date.

SECTION 3. Effective Date: September 1, 2005

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005