

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3520  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Section 51.305(a) mandates that not less than one third nor more than two thirds of the estimated maintenance and operating expenses for a water district must be paid from a flat rate assessment. The Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 maintenance and operating expenses are increasing to satisfy its obligations to provide water for municipal use. However, section 51.305(a) requires that at least one-third of this cost be allocated to the farmers, so the board has been forced to increase the flat tax assessment paid by farmers when the municipal customers are creating the cost. HB 3520 will allow the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 to lower the tax rate on farmers in the district.

### **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. Section 51.305(a) does not apply to the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1

SECTION 2. The legal notice required under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution and Chapter 313, Government Code have been satisfied.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Unless the bill receives the necessary two-thirds vote in both houses for immediate effect, the bill will take effect on September 1, 2005.