H.B. No. 828 1-1 Callegari (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) By: (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005; April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources; May 6, 2005, reported favorably by the 1-2 1-3 1-4 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 6, 2005, sent to printer.) 1-5

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality over the issuance of certain district bonds. 1-9

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

1-10 1-11 SECTION 1. Section 49.181(a), Water Code, as amended by Chapters 248 and 608, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular 1-12 Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to read as follows: 1-13

1-14 (a) A district may not issue bonds unless the commission 1**-**15 1**-**16 determines that the project to be financed by the bonds is feasible and issues an order approving the issuance of the bonds. This 1-17 section does not apply to:

(1) refunding bonds if the commission issued an order 1-18 approving the issuance of the bonds or notes that originally 1-19 1-20 1-21 financed the project;

(2) refunding bonds that are issued by a district 1-22 under an agreement between the district and a municipality allowing 1-23 the issuance of the district's bonds to refund bonds issued by the 1-24

municipality to pay the cost of financing facilities; [or] (3) bonds issued to and approved by the Farmers Home Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North American Development Bank, or the Texas Water Development 1-25 1-26 1-27 Board<u>; or</u> 1-28

1-29 (4) refunding bonds issued to refund bonds described by Subdivision (3). SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-30

1-31 1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-34 1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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