

AN ACT

relating to the amount of the fee that the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District may impose on a well.

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

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

(e) The board of directors of the district by rule may impose reasonable fees on each well for which a permit is issued by the district and which is not exempt from regulation by the district. The fee shall be based on the amount of water to be withdrawn from the well and may not exceed \$0.025 [~~\$0.01~~] per thousand gallons for groundwater withdrawn for any purpose.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a fee imposed on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee imposed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the fee was imposed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

H.B. No. 1981

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1981 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1981 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor