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H.B. No. 1981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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11 withdrawn from the well and may not exceed \$0.025 [~~\$0.01~~] per  
12 thousand gallons for groundwater withdrawn for any purpose.

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

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