

1-1 By: Blake, McReynolds (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 1981  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2005;  
1-3 April 26, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Natural Resources; May 18, 2005, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 18, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the amount of the fee that the Pineywoods Groundwater  
1-9 Conservation District may impose on a well.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 5(e), Chapter 1330, Acts of the 77th  
1-12 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (e) The board of directors of the district by rule may  
1-14 impose reasonable fees on each well for which a permit is issued by  
1-15 the district and which is not exempt from regulation by the  
1-16 district. The fee shall be based on the amount of water to be  
1-17 withdrawn from the well and may not exceed \$0.025 [~~\$0.01~~] per  
1-18 thousand gallons for groundwater withdrawn for any purpose.

1-19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-20 to a fee imposed on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee  
1-21 imposed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law  
1-22 in effect at the time the fee was imposed, and the former law is  
1-23 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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