

By: Gallego

H.B. No. 2689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a temporary moratorium on the authority of the General Land Office to lease the right to produce groundwater from state land or facilitate a water marketing initiative.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 31, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 31.069 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.069. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON GROUNDWATER LEASES OR FACILITATION OF WATER MARKETING INITIATIVES. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioner and the land office may not:

(1) lease the right to produce groundwater from state land to an individual or a private entity; or

(2) use any state resource to facilitate a water marketing initiative of an individual or a private entity.

(b) This section expires September 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. 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.