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H.B. No. 2920

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulatory authority of groundwater conservation districts, underground water conservation districts, and other districts and authorities authorized to regulate the spacing of water wells, the production from water wells, or both.

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

SECTION 1. Section 36.116, Water Code, is amended by adding subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) If a district adopts rules regulating the production of groundwater under Subsections (a) through (e), the district may only adopt rules reducing the amount of groundwater that may be produced on a showing of sound hydrogeologic science that the conditions of the aquifer or aquifers in the district do not support the existing production limits or regulations.

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.