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H.B. No. 3478

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the exemption of certain municipalities, utilities, and
3 consumers from fees or taxes imposed by the Trinity Glen Rose
4 Groundwater Conservation District.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 17, Chapter 1312, Acts of the 77th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 17. EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL SUPPLIER OR CONSUMER OF
9 WATER FROM SOURCE OTHER THAN TRINITY AQUIFER. The district may not
10 impose a fee or tax on:

11 (1) ~~[a person who provides water to]~~ a municipality
12 that has held an election under Section 19 of this Act and
13 obtains~~[7]~~ at least 50 percent of its annual water supply ~~[of which~~
14 ~~annually is obtained]~~ from a source other than the Trinity Aquifer;

15 (2) a municipally owned utility, as defined by Section
16 13.002, Water Code, of a municipality described by Subdivision (1)
17 of this section; or

18 (3) ~~[(2)]~~ a resident of or other water user within a
19 municipality ~~[that obtains its water from a person]~~ described by
20 Subdivision (1) of this section, whose sole source of water is the
21 municipality or the municipally owned utility of the municipality.

22 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
23 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
24 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a

1 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
2 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
3 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
4 Government Code.

5 (b) The governor has submitted the notice and Act to the
6 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

7 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
8 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,
9 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
10 within the required time.

11 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
12 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
13 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
14 and accomplished.

15 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to a fee or tax that becomes due on or after the effective date of
17 this Act. A fee or tax that became due before the effective date of
18 this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
19 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
20 that purpose.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.