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H.B. No. 1502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the resolution by the Texas Water Development Board of
3 certain conflicts between regional water plans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 16.053(h)(6), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (6) If an interregional conflict exists, the board
8 shall facilitate coordination between the involved regions to
9 resolve the conflict. If conflict remains, the board shall resolve
10 the conflict. If the plan for a region proposes the construction of
11 a water project in another region and the regional water planning
12 group for the other region objects to the project, the board shall
13 resolve the conflict by directing that the project be omitted from
14 the plan. On resolution of the conflict, the involved regional
15 water planning groups shall prepare revisions to their respective
16 plans and hold, after notice, at least one public hearing at some
17 central location within their respective regional water planning
18 areas. The regional water planning groups shall consider all
19 public and board comments; prepare, revise, and adopt their
20 respective plans; and submit their plans to the board for approval
21 and inclusion in the state water plan.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
23 interregional conflict that remains unresolved by the Texas Water
24 Development Board on the effective date of this Act or that arises

1 on or after the effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.