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H.B. No. 3606

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sunset review of certain river authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 222, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 222.001. CREATION. (a) A conservation and reclamation district to be known as the "Lower Colorado River Authority" is created. The authority is a governmental agency and a body politic and corporate.

(b) The authority is created under and is essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, including the control, storing, preservation, and distribution of the waters of the Colorado River and its tributaries within the boundaries of the authority for irrigation, generation of electric energy and power, and other useful purposes; the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semiarid, and other lands needing irrigation; the development of parks on lands owned or acquired by the authority; and the conservation and development of the forests, water, and electric power in this state.

(c) Nothing in this chapter or in any other law shall be construed as authorizing the authority to levy or collect taxes or to create any indebtedness payable out of taxes or in any way to pledge the credit of this state.

(d) The authority is a state agency subject to review for

1 the purposes of Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act),
2 but may not be abolished under that Act. The review shall be
3 conducted as if the authority were scheduled to be abolished
4 September 1, 2009.

5 **SECTION 2.** This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.