

By: Van de Putte

S.B. No. 585

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Edwards Aquifer Authority to adopt rules relating to fire control.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended by adding Section 1.081 to read as follows:

Sec. 1.081. FIRE CONTROL. To protect the water quality of the aquifer, the board shall adopt rules regarding the control of fires in the aquifer's recharge zone. In adopting rules under this section, the board shall consult with fire departments and fire marshals with jurisdiction over the recharge zone.

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, 2007.