

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 1676  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 21, 2007, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;  
1-4 May 17, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1; May 17, 2007,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1676 By: Hegar

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the sunset review of certain river authorities.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 222.001, Water Code, is amended to read  
1-13 as follows:  
1-14 Sec. 222.001. CREATION. (a) A conservation and  
1-15 reclamation district to be known as the "Lower Colorado River  
1-16 Authority" is created. The authority is a governmental agency and a  
1-17 body politic and corporate.  
1-18 (b) The authority is created under and is essential to  
1-19 accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas  
1-20 Constitution, including the control, storing, preservation, and  
1-21 distribution of the waters of the Colorado River and its  
1-22 tributaries within the boundaries of the authority for irrigation,  
1-23 generation of electric energy and power, and other useful purposes;  
1-24 the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semiarid, and other lands  
1-25 needing irrigation; the development of parks on lands owned or  
1-26 acquired by the authority; and the conservation and development of  
1-27 the forests, water, and electric power in this state.  
1-28 (c) Nothing in this chapter or in any other law shall be  
1-29 construed as authorizing the authority to levy or collect taxes or  
1-30 to create any indebtedness payable out of taxes or in any way to  
1-31 pledge the credit of this state.  
1-32 (d) The authority is a state agency subject to review for  
1-33 the purposes of Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act),  
1-34 but may not be abolished under that chapter. The review shall be  
1-35 conducted as if the authority were scheduled to be abolished  
1-36 September 1, 2009.  
1-37 (e) The authority shall pay the cost incurred by the Sunset  
1-38 Advisory Commission in performing a review of the authority under  
1-39 this section. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall determine the  
1-40 cost, and the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of  
1-41 a statement from the Sunset Advisory Commission detailing the cost.  
1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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