

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 9, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2962** by Smithee (Relating to district hearings and citizen suits for illegally drilling or operating a water well.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 36, Water Code, to establish procedures related to an investigation and a hearing conducted by a groundwater conservation district in response to a complaint or suit by an owner of a well regarding another person operating or drilling wells without a permit or in other violation of district rules. The provisions of the bill would apply only to a complaint or suit filed after the effective date of the bill.

The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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