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H.C.R. No. 4

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas water districts play a crucial role in
2 protecting water resources and the public health, enabling economic
3 growth, and providing a high quality of life for the residents who
4 live within their boundaries; poorly performing districts,
5 however, undermine communities and threaten the legitimacy of
6 public policy; and

7 WHEREAS, Following 18 months of review and audits by agencies
8 of this state and by the Bexar Metropolitan Water District
9 Oversight Committee, the legislature finds that certain officials
10 of the district have engaged in unethical conduct and
11 unprofessional management practices, that disagreements regarding
12 the district's jurisdiction and the jurisdiction of other entities
13 inside the district and distrust between management personnel and
14 the board have prevented the district from improving services for
15 existing customers and meeting the water supply needs of the
16 growing population within the district's service area, that the
17 district has a history of noncompliance with regulations, that the
18 board has engaged in mismanagement of the district, allowing for
19 financial improprieties, and that the district has provided
20 unreliable service to the degree that the quality of life of the
21 district's customers is impaired and the prospects of economic
22 growth within the district are diminished; and

23 WHEREAS, Water districts are accountable to the state for the
24 proper performance of their powers and duties, and in light of these

1 findings about the Bexar Metropolitan Water District, it is
2 appropriate that the district undergo regular and thorough
3 appraisals in order to ensure improvement in its overall
4 operations; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas,
6 1st Called Session, hereby direct the State Auditor's Office to
7 conduct an annual audit of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District
8 for five years beginning in 2009; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the scope of the audit be determined by the
10 state auditor, subject to approval by the Legislative Audit
11 Committee, and that it be based on a risk assessment.