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S.B. No. 725

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. SUNSET ACT. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 325.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 325.025. CERTAIN RIVER AUTHORITIES AND OTHER WATER AUTHORITIES SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND ABOLISHMENT. (a) A river authority or water authority listed in Subsection (b) is subject to review under this chapter as if it were a state agency.

(b) This section applies only to the:

(1) Brazos River Authority;

(2) Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority; and

(3) Lower Colorado River Authority.

(c) A river authority or water authority shall pay the cost incurred by the commission in performing a review of the authority under this section. The commission shall determine the cost, and the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement from the commission detailing the cost.

SECTION 2. BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 8502, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8502.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 8502.0021. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The authority is subject to review for the purposes of Chapter 325, Government Code, but may not be abolished under that chapter. The review shall

1 be conducted as if the authority were scheduled to be abolished
2 September 1, 2013.

3 SECTION 3. GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 75,
4 Acts of the 43rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1933, is amended
5 by adding Section 1A to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1A. The District is subject to review for the purposes
7 of Chapter 325, Government Code, but may not be abolished under that
8 chapter. The review shall be conducted as if the District were
9 scheduled to be abolished September 1, 2015.

10 SECTION 4. LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 8503,
11 Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section
12 8503.0021 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 8503.0021. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The authority
14 is subject to review for the purposes of Chapter 325, Government
15 Code, but may not be abolished under that chapter. The review shall
16 be conducted as if the authority were scheduled to be abolished
17 September 1, 2011.

18 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
19 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
20 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
21 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
22 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.