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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 and abolishment under this chapter as if it were a state agency.

(b) This section applies only to the:

- (1) Brazos River Authority;
- (2) Canadian River Municipal Water Authority;
- (3) Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority;
- (4) Gulf Coast Water Authority;
- (5) Lower Colorado River Authority;
- (6) Lower Neches Valley Authority;
- (7) Sabine River Authority of Texas;
- (8) San Antonio River Authority;
- (9) San Jacinto River Authority; and
- (10) Trinity River Authority of Texas.

(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

1 the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a
2 statement from the commission detailing the cost.

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

6 Sec. 8502.0021. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The authority
7 is subject to Section 325.025, Government Code. Unless the
8 authority is continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325 of
9 that code, on September 1, 2013:

10 (1) the authority is abolished;

11 (2) the assets of the authority are transferred to
12 this state; and

13 (3) this chapter expires.

14 SECTION 3. CANADIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY.
15 Chapter 243, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953,
16 is amended by adding Section 1A to read as follows:

17 Sec. 1A. Application of Sunset Act. The District is subject
18 to Section 325.025, Government Code. Unless the District is
19 continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on
20 September 1, 2015:

21 (1) the District is abolished;

22 (2) the assets of the District are transferred to this
23 state; and

24 (3) this Act expires.

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

1 Sec. 1A. The District is subject to Section 325.025,
2 Government Code. Unless the District is continued in existence as
3 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2013:

4 (1) the District is abolished;

5 (2) the assets of the District are transferred to this
6 state; and

7 (3) this Act expires.

8 SECTION 5. GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY. Chapter 712, Acts of
9 the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, is amended by adding
10 Section 1A to read as follows:

11 Sec. 1A. The District is subject to Section 325.025,
12 Government Code. Unless the District is continued in existence as
13 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2015:

14 (1) the District is abolished;

15 (2) the assets of the District are transferred to this
16 state; and

17 (3) this Act expires.

18 SECTION 6. LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 8503,
19 Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section
20 8503.0021 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 8503.0021. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The authority
22 is subject to Section 325.025, Government Code. Unless the
23 authority is continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325 of
24 that code, on September 1, 2011:

25 (1) the authority is abolished;

26 (2) the assets of the authority are transferred to
27 this state; and

1 (3) this chapter expires.

2 SECTION 7. LOWER NECHES VALLEY AUTHORITY. Chapter 63, Acts
3 of the 43rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1933, is amended by
4 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1A. The district is subject to Section 325.025,
6 Government Code. Unless the district is continued in existence as
7 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2015:

8 (1) the district is abolished;

9 (2) the assets of the district are transferred to this
10 state; and

11 (3) this Act expires.

12 SECTION 8. SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS. Chapter 110,
13 Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Session, 1949, is amended by
14 adding Section 2A to read as follows:

15 Sec. 2A. The district is subject to Section 325.025,
16 Government Code. Unless the district is continued in existence as
17 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2011:

18 (1) the district is abolished;

19 (2) the assets of the district are transferred to this
20 state; and

21 (3) this Act expires.

22 SECTION 9. SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 276, Acts
23 of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, is amended by
24 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

25 Sec. 1A. Application of Sunset Act. The District is subject
26 to Section 325.025, Government Code. Unless the District is
27 continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on

1 September 1, 2013:

2 (1) the District is abolished;

3 (2) the assets of the District are transferred to this
4 state; and

5 (3) this Act expires.

6 SECTION 10. SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 426, Acts
7 of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, is amended by
8 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

9 Sec. 1A. The Authority is subject to Section 325.025,
10 Government Code. Unless the Authority is continued in existence as
11 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2015:

12 (1) the Authority is abolished;

13 (2) the assets of the Authority are transferred to
14 this state; and

15 (3) this Act expires.

16 SECTION 11. TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS. Chapter 518,
17 Acts of the 54th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955, is amended by
18 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

19 Sec. 1A. The Authority is subject to Section 325.025,
20 Government Code. Unless the Authority is continued in existence as
21 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2011:

22 (1) the Authority is abolished;

23 (2) the assets of the Authority are transferred to
24 this state; and

25 (3) this Act expires.

26 SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
27 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members

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1 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
3 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.