

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 725
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 9, 2009; March 13, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 April 30, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 3; April 30, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 725 By: Estes

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. SUNSET ACT. Chapter 325, Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 325.025 to read as follows:
1-14 Sec. 325.025. CERTAIN RIVER AUTHORITIES AND OTHER WATER
1-15 AUTHORITIES SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND ABOLISHMENT. (a) A river
1-16 authority or water authority listed in Subsection (b) is subject to
1-17 review and abolishment under this chapter as if it were a state
1-18 agency.
1-19 (b) This section applies only to the:
1-20 (1) Brazos River Authority;
1-21 (2) Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority;
1-22 (3) Lower Colorado River Authority;
1-23 (4) Lower Neches Valley Authority;
1-24 (5) San Jacinto River Authority; and
1-25 (6) Trinity River Authority of Texas.
1-26 (c) A river authority or water authority shall pay the cost
1-27 incurred by the commission in performing a review of the authority
1-28 under this section. The commission shall determine the cost, and
1-29 the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a
1-30 statement from the commission detailing the cost.
1-31 SECTION 2. BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 8502, Special
1-32 District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8502.0021 to
1-33 read as follows:
1-34 Sec. 8502.0021. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The authority
1-35 is subject to Section 325.025, Government Code. Unless the
1-36 authority is continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325 of
1-37 that code, on September 1, 2013:
1-38 (1) the authority is abolished;
1-39 (2) the assets of the authority are transferred to
1-40 this state; and
1-41 (3) this chapter expires.
1-42 SECTION 3. GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 75,
1-43 Acts of the 43rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1933, is amended
1-44 by adding Section 1A to read as follows:
1-45 Sec. 1A. The District is subject to Section 325.025,
1-46 Government Code. Unless the District is continued in existence as
1-47 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2013:
1-48 (1) the District is abolished;
1-49 (2) the assets of the District are transferred to this
1-50 state; and
1-51 (3) this Act expires.
1-52 SECTION 4. LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 8503,
1-53 Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section
1-54 8503.0021 to read as follows:
1-55 Sec. 8503.0021. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The authority
1-56 is subject to Section 325.025, Government Code. Unless the
1-57 authority is continued in existence as provided by Chapter 325 of
1-58 that code, on September 1, 2011:
1-59 (1) the authority is abolished;
1-60 (2) the assets of the authority are transferred to
1-61 this state; and
1-62 (3) this chapter expires.
1-63 SECTION 5. LOWER NECHES VALLEY AUTHORITY. Chapter 63, Acts

2-1 of the 43rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1933, is amended by
2-2 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

2-3 Sec. 1A. The district is subject to Section 325.025,
2-4 Government Code. Unless the district is continued in existence as
2-5 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2015:

2-6 (1) the district is abolished;

2-7 (2) the assets of the district are transferred to this
2-8 state; and

2-9 (3) this Act expires.

2-10 SECTION 6. SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 426, Acts
2-11 of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, is amended by
2-12 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

2-13 Sec. 1A. The Authority is subject to Section 325.025,
2-14 Government Code. Unless the Authority is continued in existence as
2-15 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2015:

2-16 (1) the Authority is abolished;

2-17 (2) the assets of the Authority are transferred to
2-18 this state; and

2-19 (3) this Act expires.

2-20 SECTION 7. TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS. Chapter 518,
2-21 Acts of the 54th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955, is amended by
2-22 adding Section 1A to read as follows:

2-23 Sec. 1A. The Authority is subject to Section 325.025,
2-24 Government Code. Unless the Authority is continued in existence as
2-25 provided by Chapter 325 of that code, on September 1, 2011:

2-26 (1) the Authority is abolished;

2-27 (2) the assets of the Authority are transferred to
2-28 this state; and

2-29 (3) this Act expires.

2-30 SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
2-31 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2-32 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2-33 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-34 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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