

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 2513

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S.R. No. 1076

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill No. 2513 (name and confirmation of, and certain fees imposed by, the McLennan County Groundwater Conservation District and the authority to create certain adjacent groundwater conservation districts) to consider and take action on the following matter:

(1) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the conference committee to add the following:

SECTION 3. Section 8821.002, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8821.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a groundwater conservation district in McLennan County created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution. The district is located in a priority groundwater management area designated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Section 35.008, Water Code.

Explanation: The addition of the SECTION to the bill is necessary to recognize that the Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is in a priority groundwater management area designated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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(2) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the conference committee to add the following:

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding Sections 35.012 and 36.0151, Water Code, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall not, before September 1, 2011, create a groundwater conservation district:

(1) in the priority groundwater management area in which the Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is located; or

(2) in a priority groundwater management area that is adjacent to the priority groundwater management area in which the Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is located.

Explanation: The addition of the SECTION to the bill is necessary to delay until September 11, 2011, the requirement for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to create a groundwater conservation district in the same priority groundwater management area in which the Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is located or in a priority groundwater management area that is adjacent to that district.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 31, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate