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H.B. No. 814

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Edwards Aquifer Authority's power to regulate the transportation of groundwater out of certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1.28, Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b) of this section, the authority may allow a person to construct, acquire, or own facilities for transporting groundwater out of Uvalde County if the person holds a permit authorizing the person to withdraw the water to be transported.

SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the

1 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2 representatives within the required time.

3 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
4 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
5 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
6 and accomplished.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.