

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the Central Harris County Regional Water Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8815.101(b), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The following laws [~~Sections 49.451-49.455, Water Code,~~] do not apply to the authority:

(1) Chapter 36, Water Code;

(2) Section 49.052, Water Code; and

(3) Sections 49.451-49.455, Water Code.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 8815.107, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8815.107. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY; CIVIL ACTION;
INJUNCTION.

SECTION 3. Section 8815.107, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(b) The authority may bring an action in a district court against a member district or other district, other political subdivision, or other person located in the authority's territory or included in the authority's groundwater reduction plan to:

(1) recover any fees, rates, charges, assessments, collection expenses, attorney's fees, interest, penalties, or

1 administrative penalties due the authority; or

2 (2) enforce the authority's rules or orders [~~to~~
3 ~~recover the penalty in a district court in the county where the~~
4 ~~violation occurred~~].

5 (e) Governmental immunity from suit or liability of a
6 district or other political subdivision is waived for the purposes
7 of an action described by this section.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 960 was passed by the House on April 14, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 960 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor