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H.B. No. 960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the powers of the Central Harris County Regional Water  
3 Authority.

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

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

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

- 9 (1) Chapter 36, Water Code;  
10 (2) Section 49.052, Water Code; and  
11 (3) Sections 49.451-49.455, Water Code.

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

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

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

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

- 23 (1) recover any fees, rates, charges, assessments,  
24 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.