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H.B. No. 3818

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on production fees on groundwater withdrawals assessed by the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 8820, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8820.202 to read as follows:

Sec. 8820.202. LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENT OF PRODUCTION FEES.

A production fee assessed by the district on the amount of groundwater authorized by a permit to be withdrawn from a well or the amount of groundwater actually withdrawn may not exceed:

(1) \$1 for each acre-foot of groundwater permitted for or used in a year solely for agricultural use; or

(2) 20 cents for each 1,000 gallons of groundwater permitted for or used in a year for any purpose other than agriculture.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.