

1-1 By: Geren (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 3818
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011;
1-3 May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 13, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 13, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a limitation on production fees on groundwater
1-9 withdrawals assessed by the Northern Trinity Groundwater
1-10 Conservation District.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 8820, Special District
1-13 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8820.202 to read as
1-14 follows:

1-15 Sec. 8820.202. LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENT OF PRODUCTION FEES.

1-16 A production fee assessed by the district on the amount of
1-17 groundwater authorized by a permit to be withdrawn from a well or
1-18 the amount of groundwater actually withdrawn may not exceed:

1-19 (1) \$1 for each acre-foot of groundwater permitted for
1-20 or used in a year solely for agricultural use; or

1-21 (2) 20 cents for each 1,000 gallons of groundwater
1-22 permitted for or used in a year for any purpose other than
1-23 agriculture.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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