

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 313 (Seliger/Price)

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H.R. No. 2482

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 313 (priority groundwater
6 management areas), to consider and take action on the following
7 matters:

8 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit the
9 committee to change text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 4
10 of the bill, in added Section 35.013(g-1), Water Code, to read as
11 follows:

12 (g-1) If the voters do not approve the assumption of a
13 proportional share of the debts or taxes of a district under
14 Subsection (e), the board shall assess production fees in the added
15 territory based on the amount of water authorized by permit to be
16 withdrawn from a well or the amount actually withdrawn. A district
17 may use revenue generated for any purpose authorized by Section
18 36.206 or 36.207. Initial production fees may not exceed
19 production fees as set in Section 36.205(c), but may be increased by
20 the board on a majority vote after the first anniversary of the
21 commission order. Production fees may be raised incrementally by
22 40 percent and 10 percent every following year until the maximum
23 production fees equal:

24 (1) \$2 per acre-foot, payable annually, for water used

1 for an agricultural purpose; or

2 (2) 30 cents per 1,000 gallons, payable annually, for
3 water used for any non-agricultural purpose.

4 Explanation: This change is necessary to specify the amounts
5 to which a production fee may be set or increased.