

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 313
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 313 By: Seliger

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to priority groundwater management areas.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 35.007, Water Code, is
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) The executive director and the executive administrator
1-15 shall meet periodically to identify, based on information gathered
1-16 by the commission and the Texas Water Development Board, those
1-17 areas of the state that are experiencing or that are expected to
1-18 experience, within the immediately following 50-year [~~25-year~~]
1-19 period, critical groundwater problems, including shortages of
1-20 surface water or groundwater, land subsidence resulting from
1-21 groundwater withdrawal, and contamination of groundwater supplies.
1-22 Not later than September 1, 2005, the commission, with assistance
1-23 and cooperation from the Texas Water Development Board, shall
1-24 complete the initial designation of priority groundwater
1-25 management areas across all major and minor aquifers of the state
1-26 for all areas that meet the criteria for that designation. The
1-27 studies may be prioritized considering information from the
1-28 regional planning process, information from the Texas Water
1-29 Development Board groundwater management areas and from
1-30 groundwater conservation districts, and any other information
1-31 available. After the initial designation of priority groundwater
1-32 management areas, the commission and the Texas Water Development
1-33 Board shall annually review the need for additional designations as
1-34 provided by this subsection.

1-35 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 35.007, Water Code, as
1-36 amended by this Act, applies only to a designation of a priority
1-37 groundwater management area made by the Texas Commission on
1-38 Environmental Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. A
1-39 designation made before the effective date of this Act is governed
1-40 by the law in effect when the designation was made, and that law is
1-41 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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