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S.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the power of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to authorize certain injection wells that transect or terminate in the Edwards Aquifer.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 27.051, Water Code, as added by Chapter 966 (S.B. 2), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is redesignated as Subsection (i) and amended to read as follows:

(i) ~~[(h)]~~ The commission may not authorize by rule or permit a Class I or Class III ~~[an]~~ injection well that transects or terminates in the Edwards Aquifer. ~~[The commission by rule may authorize injection of groundwater withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer, or injections of storm water, flood water, or groundwater through improved sinkholes or caves located in karst topographic areas.]~~ For purposes of this subsection, "Edwards Aquifer" has the meaning assigned by Section 26.046(a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.