

AN ACT

relating to the exemption from permitting by groundwater conservation districts for certain water wells used for domestic, livestock, and poultry watering purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 36.117, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A district may not require any permit issued by the district for:

(1) a well used solely for domestic use, or for providing water for livestock or poultry, if the well is:

(A) located on a tract of land larger than 10 acres; and

(B) [~~that is~~] either drilled, completed, or equipped so that it is incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater a day;

(2) the drilling of a water well used solely to supply water for a rig that is actively engaged in drilling or exploration operations for an oil or gas well permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas provided that the person holding the permit is responsible for drilling and operating the water well and the well is located on the same lease or field associated with the drilling rig; or

(3) the drilling of a water well authorized under a

1 permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter
2 134, Natural Resources Code, or for production from such a well to
3 the extent the withdrawals are required for mining activities
4 regardless of any subsequent use of the water.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 691 passed the Senate on
March 29, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 691 passed the House on
April 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two
present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor