

Amend CSSB 611 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page ____, line ____, insert the following:

Sec. 51.091. PROJECTS OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) In this section "preservation district" means a district defined by Chapter 54 and created by special law with the power to promote the preservation of fish and other wildlife within its boundaries.

(b) A water supply project financed, in whole or in part, with water development bonds as defined under Section 16.001, that is undertaken by a district having operations or facilities located in not less than 4 counties, and that is included in a regional water plan under Section 16.053, is of fundamental and paramount importance and is to be given priority over the activities, rules, regulations, ordinances, or any requirement for a permit, bond, or fee of a preservation district, which shall be inapplicable to the construction of the project.

(c) Governmental immunity of a preservation district is waived in an action brought by a district described in subsection (b) for the acquisition of land, easements or other property for a project described in subsection (b), if the preservation district is the owner of the land or property.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, venue shall lie in Travis County for an action described in subsection (c) and brought by a district described in subsection (b).

(e) This section expires September 1, 2039.