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H.B. No. 2120

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to permits to construct reservoirs for the storage of
3 state water.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.124(f), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (f) If the application is for a permit to construct a
8 storage reservoir, the application must also contain:

9 (1) a draft permit authorizing the construction of the
10 reservoir; and

11 (2) evidence that the applicant has mailed notice of
12 the application to each member of the governing body of each county
13 and municipality in which the reservoir, or any part of the
14 reservoir, will be located.

15 SECTION 2. Section 11.134, Water Code, is amended by adding
16 Subsection (d) to read as follows:

17 (d) The commission shall grant or deny an application for a
18 permit to construct a storage reservoir not later than the 180th day
19 after the date on which the commission receives the application. If
20 the commission does not grant or deny the application on or before
21 that date, the commission is considered to have granted the
22 application and issued the draft permit included in the
23 application.

24 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to

1 an application for a permit to construct a storage reservoir filed
2 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the
3 effective date of this Act. An application filed before the
4 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
5 date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in
6 effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.