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H.B. No. 2121

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to interbasin transfers of state water.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.085, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (w) to read as follows:

(b) The application must include:

(1) the contract price of the water to be transferred;

(2) a statement of each general category of proposed use of the water to be transferred and a detailed description of the proposed uses and users under each category;

(3) the cost of diverting, conveying, distributing, and supplying the water to, and treating the water for, the proposed users; ~~and~~

(4) the projected effect on user rates and fees for each class of ratepayers; and

(5) a draft water right or amendment to a permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication authorizing the transfer.

(w) The commission shall grant or deny an application for an interbasin transfer not later than the 180th day after the date on which the commission receives the application. If the commission does not grant or deny the application on or before that date, the commission is considered to have granted the application and issued

1 the draft water right or amendment included in the application.

2 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
3 an application for an interbasin transfer filed with the Texas
4 Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date
5 of this Act. An application filed before the effective date of this
6 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
7 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.