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H.B. No. 2169

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental
3 Quality to create a groundwater conservation district in certain
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 36.0151(f), Water Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (f) The [~~Before September 1, 2015, the~~] commission may not
9 create a groundwater conservation district under this section in a
10 county:

11 (1) in which the annual amount of surface water used is
12 more than 50 times the annual amount of groundwater produced;

13 (2) that is located in a priority groundwater
14 management area; and

15 (3) that has a population greater than 2.3 million.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.