

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.B. No. 2452

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the appointment of a watermaster for the Brazos River
3 Basin.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.325, Water Code, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 11.325. WATER DIVISIONS. (a) Subject to Subsection
8 (b), the [~~The~~] commission shall divide the state into water
9 divisions for the purpose of administering adjudicated water
10 rights. Water divisions may be created from time to time as the
11 necessity arises. The divisions shall be constituted to secure the
12 best protection to the holders of water rights and the most
13 economical supervision on the part of the state.

14 (b) The commission shall create a water division that
15 includes the entire Brazos River Basin.

16 SECTION 2. Section 11.326(a), Water Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (a) The executive director:

19 (1) shall appoint a watermaster for the water division
20 created under Section 11.325(b); and

21 (2) may appoint one watermaster for each other water
22 division.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.