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H.B. No. 3419

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the planning and funding of water projects to be
3 constructed in a region other than the region proposing the
4 project.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.053(e-1), Water Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (e-1) A regional water plan may not include a proposal for
9 the construction of a water project in another regional water
10 planning area unless at least two-thirds of the members of the
11 regional water planning group for that area have consented to the
12 inclusion of the proposal in the plan [~~On request of the Texas Water~~
13 ~~Advisory Council, a regional planning group shall provide the~~
14 ~~council a copy of that planning group's regional water plan~~].

15 SECTION 2. Section 16.053(h)(4), Water Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (4) After the regional water plan is initially
18 prepared, the regional water planning group shall submit a copy of
19 the plan to the board. The board shall submit comments on the
20 regional water plan as to whether the plan meets the requirements of
21 Subsections (e) and (e-1) [~~Subsection (e) of this section~~].

22 SECTION 3. Section 16.053(j), Water Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (j) The board may provide financial assistance to political

1 subdivisions under Subchapters E and F of this chapter, Subchapters
2 C, D, E, F, J, O, Q, and R, Chapter 15, and Subchapters D, I, K, and
3 L, Chapter 17, for water supply projects only if:

4 (1) the board determines that the needs to be
5 addressed by the project will be addressed in a manner that is
6 consistent with the state water plan;

7 (2) beginning January 5, 2002 [~~the board~~]:

8 (A) the board has approved a regional water plan
9 as provided by Subsection (i), and any required updates of the plan,
10 for the region of the state that includes the area benefiting from
11 the proposed project; [~~and~~]

12 (B) if the proposed project is to be constructed
13 in a regional water planning area other than the area benefiting
14 from the proposed project, at least two-thirds of the members of the
15 regional water planning group for the area in which the proposed
16 project is to be constructed have consented to the inclusion in that
17 regional water plan of the proposal to construct the project as
18 required by Subsection (e-1); and

19 (C) the board determines that the needs to be
20 addressed by the project will be addressed in a manner that is
21 consistent with that regional water plan; and

22 (3) the board finds that the water audit required
23 under Section 16.0121 has been completed and filed.

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