

1-1 By: Fraser, Birdwell S.B. No. 448
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 8, 2013; February 13, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
 1-4 March 18, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; March 18, 2013,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 448 By: Fraser

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the audit of certain river authorities.
 1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-25 SECTION 1. AUDIT. Chapter 321, Government Code, is amended
 1-26 by adding Section 321.024 to read as follows:
 1-27 Sec. 321.024. CERTAIN RIVER AUTHORITIES SUBJECT TO AUDIT.
 1-28 (a) A river authority listed in Subsection (b) is subject to audit
 1-29 under this chapter as if it were a state agency.
 1-30 (b) This section applies only to the:
 1-31 (1) Brazos River Authority; and
 1-32 (2) Lower Colorado River Authority.
 1-33 (c) A river authority shall pay the cost incurred by the
 1-34 state auditor in conducting an audit of the authority under this
 1-35 section. The state auditor shall determine the cost, and the
 1-36 authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement
 1-37 from the state auditor detailing the cost.
 1-38 SECTION 2. BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY. Chapter 8502, Special
 1-39 District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8502.0051 to
 1-40 read as follows:
 1-41 Sec. 8502.0051. AUDIT. The authority is subject to the
 1-42 audit provisions of Section 321.024, Government Code.
 1-43 SECTION 3. LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY. Section
 1-44 8503.015, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as
 1-45 follows:
 1-46 Sec. 8503.015. AUDIT. The authority is subject to the audit
 1-47 provisions of:
 1-48 (1) Subchapter G, Chapter 49, Water Code; and
 1-49 (2) Section 321.024, Government Code.
 1-50 SECTION 4. TRANSITION. (a) Subject to approval by the
 1-51 Legislative Audit Committee for inclusion in the audit plan under
 1-52 Subsection (c), Section 321.013, Government Code, the state auditor
 1-53 shall conduct comprehensive audits, including audits of the
 1-54 operations and performance, of the Brazos River Authority and the
 1-55 Lower Colorado River Authority under Section 321.024, Government
 1-56 Code, as added by this Act.
 1-57 (b) A river authority audited under this section shall
 1-58 cooperate and provide assistance and access to all necessary
 1-59 records, confidential or nonconfidential, to the state auditor in
 1-60 conducting the audit under this section.

2-1 (c) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state auditor
2-2 shall prepare a written report for an audit conducted under this
2-3 section and file the report in accordance with Section 321.014,
2-4 Government Code.

2-5 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
2-6 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
2-7 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2-8 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-9 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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