By: Hegar S.B. No. 454

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the authority of certain conservation and reclamation
- 3 districts to file an annual financial report with the executive
- 4 director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in lieu
- 5 of filing an annual audit report.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 49.198, Water Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 (a) A district may elect to file annual financial reports
- 10 with the executive director in lieu of the district's compliance
- 11 with Section 49.191 provided:
- 12 (1) the district had no bonds or other long-term (more
- 13 than one year) liabilities outstanding during the fiscal period;
- 14 (2) the district did not have gross receipts from
- 15 operations, loans, taxes, or contributions in excess of \$250,000
- 16 during the fiscal period; and
- 17 (3) the district's cash and temporary investments were
- 18 not in excess of \$750,000 [ $\frac{$250,000}{}$ ] during the fiscal period.
- 19 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 49.198, Water Code, as
- 20 amended by this Act, applies only to a district that is required to
- 21 file an annual audit report or annual financial report on or after
- 22 the effective date of this Act. A district that is required to file
- 23 an annual audit report or annual financial report before the
- 24 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the

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- 1 date the report is required to be filed, and that law is continued
- 2 in effect for that purpose.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.