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S.B. No. 873

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a groundwater conservation district to
3 require a permit for the drilling or operation of a water well used
4 to supply water for the performance of a hydraulic fracturing
5 treatment on an oil or gas well.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 36.117, Water Code, is amended by adding
8 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

9 (a-1) The district may not provide an exemption to the
10 district's requirement to obtain a permit for a water well used to
11 supply water for:

12 (1) the performance of a hydraulic fracturing
13 treatment on an oil or gas well; or

14 (2) other activities related to the production of oil
15 or gas from a completed oil or gas well.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to a well for which drilling is commenced on or after the effective
18 date of this Act. A well for which drilling is commenced before the
19 effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect
20 immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect
21 for that purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.