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S.B. No. 1579

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of a watermaster for the Brazos River Basin.

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The executive director:

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

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 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.