

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**May 14, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **SB873** by Hegar (Relating to the permitting authority of a groundwater conservation district for the drilling or operation of a water well used to supply water for the drilling, exploration, or production of oil or gas.), **As Engrossed**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 36 of the Water Code to establish permitting requirements by a groundwater and conservation district for a water well that supplies water for the drilling, exploration, or production of oil or gas. A district may not deny an application for a permit to drill and produce water for hydrocarbon drilling, exploration, or production activities if the application meets all applicable rules of the district.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board

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