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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*  
March 24, 2015

The Honorable Joe Straus  
Texas House of Representatives  
Capitol Station  
PO Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution

House Bill (HB) 1336, as Filed by Representative Dennis Bonnen- relating to fees of office for the Velasco Drainage District

Dear Speaker Straus:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

The bill amends the enabling legislation of the Velasco Drainage District (the "District") to allow a supervisor (or board member) to receive fees of office in accordance with Texas Water Code Section 49.060 (relating to the fees of office for directors of districts operating under Chapter 49), with the following exception:

Section 49.060(a-1) specifies that a district, by resolution of the board, shall set a limit on the fees of office that a director may receive in a year and the limit may not be greater than \$7,200. The bill specifies that the District may not set the limit at an amount greater than \$12,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Brookins".

Linda Brookins, Director  
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Jim Keffer, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
Representative Dennis Bonnen, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1336  
Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas  
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

2/16/2015  
Date transmitted to  
Governor's Office

  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

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3.3.2015  
Date transmitted to  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

  
Governor

TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House  
The Honorable President of the Senate  
The Honorable Governor of Texas  
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.B. No. 1336

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to fees of office for the Velasco Drainage District.

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

4 SECTION 1. Chapter 44, Acts of the 57th Legislature, 3rd  
5 Called Session, 1962, is amended by adding Section 3A to read as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 3A. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a  
8 Supervisor is entitled to receive fees of office in accordance with  
9 Section 49.060, Water Code.

10 (b) Notwithstanding Section 49.060(a-1), Water Code, the  
11 District may not set the annual limit on the fees of office that a  
12 Supervisor may receive in a year at an amount greater than \$12,000.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.