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H.B. No. 632

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the planning and funding of water projects to be  
3 constructed in a region other than the region proposing the  
4 project.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.053(e-1), Water Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (e-1) A regional water plan may not include a proposal for  
9 the construction of a water project in another regional water  
10 planning area unless at least two-thirds of the members of the  
11 regional water planning group for that area have consented to the  
12 inclusion of the proposal in the plan [~~On request of the Texas Water~~  
13 ~~Advisory Council, a regional planning group shall provide the~~  
14 ~~council a copy of that planning group's regional water plan~~].

15 SECTION 2. Section 16.053(h)(4), Water Code, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (4) After the regional water plan is initially  
18 prepared, the regional water planning group shall submit a copy of  
19 the plan to the board. The board shall submit comments on the  
20 regional water plan as to whether the plan meets the requirements of  
21 Subsections (e) and (e-1) [~~Subsection (e) of this section~~].

22 SECTION 3. Section 16.053(j), Water Code, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (j) The board may provide financial assistance to political

1 subdivisions under Subchapters E and F of this chapter, Subchapters  
2 C, D, E, F, J, O, Q, and R, Chapter 15, and Subchapters D, I, K, and  
3 L, Chapter 17, for water supply projects only if:

4 (1) the board determines that the needs to be  
5 addressed by the project will be addressed in a manner that is  
6 consistent with the state water plan;

7 (2) beginning January 5, 2002 [~~, the board~~]:

8 (A) the board has approved a regional water plan  
9 as provided by Subsection (i), and any required updates of the plan,  
10 for the region of the state that includes the area benefiting from  
11 the proposed project; [~~and~~]

12 (B) if the proposed project is to be constructed  
13 in a regional water planning area other than the area benefiting  
14 from the proposed project, at least two-thirds of the members of the  
15 regional water planning group for the area in which the proposed  
16 project is to be constructed have consented to the inclusion in that  
17 regional water plan of the proposal to construct the project as  
18 required by Subsection (e-1); and

19 (C) the board determines that the needs to be  
20 addressed by the project will be addressed in a manner that is  
21 consistent with that regional water plan; and

22 (3) the board finds that the water audit required  
23 under Section 16.0121 has been completed and filed.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.