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H.B. No. 1232

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1232:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1232

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of the hydrology and geology of the confined and unconfined aquifers in this state.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall conduct a study of the hydrology and geology of the confined and unconfined aquifers in this state to determine:

(1) the quality and quantity of groundwater in those aquifers, specifically regarding the salinity of those aquifers;

(2) whether those aquifers are tributary or non-tributary;

(3) the contribution of those aquifers to any surface flow of any water in this state;

(4) the contribution of those aquifers to any other aquifer in this state; and

(5) the suitability of those aquifers for the disposal of concentrate from desalination facilities through the use of injection wells.

(b) In conducting the study, the board shall produce:

(1) a map that identifies the area and water quality of the confined and unconfined aquifers in this state;

(2) a map that identifies which aquifers are tributary and which are non-tributary;

1 (3) a report on the contribution of those aquifers to
2 any other aquifer in this state; and

3 (4) a report on the suitability of those aquifers for
4 the disposal of concentrate from desalination facilities through
5 the use of injection wells.

6 (c) Before conducting the study, the board shall determine:

7 (1) the minimum rate at which an aquifer must
8 contribute to another aquifer in this state or to the surface flow
9 of any water in this state in order to be included in the study; and

10 (2) the definition of "suitability" for the purposes
11 of Subsection (a)(5) of this section.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2016, the Texas Water
13 Development Board shall report the results of the study conducted
14 under this Act to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house
15 of representatives, and the standing committees of the senate and
16 the house of representatives that have jurisdiction over natural
17 resources.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.