

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.B. No. 1421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to fees charged by the Coastal Plains Groundwater
3 Conservation District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 8831.151, Special District Local Laws
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 8831.151. DISTRICT REVENUE AND FEES. To accomplish
8 the regulatory goals of the district, to pay the district's
9 maintenance and operating costs, and to pay any bonds issued by the
10 district, the district may:

11 (1) impose an ad valorem tax at a rate not to exceed
12 2.5 cents for each \$100 of taxable value of property in the
13 district, subject to voter approval;

14 (2) assess production fees as authorized by Section
15 36.205, Water Code [~~for services or for water withdrawn from~~
16 ~~wells~~]; [~~or~~]

17 (3) solicit and accept grants from any public or
18 private source; and

19 (4) assess:

20 (A) an export fee on groundwater exported from
21 the district in an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the maximum
22 wholesale water rate charged by the City of Houston; and

23 (B) other fees authorized by Chapter 36, Water
24 Code.

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