

1-1 By: Bonnen of Brazoria (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1421  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;  
 1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs; May 12, 2015, reported  
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 12, 2015, sent  
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to fees charged by the Coastal Plains Groundwater  
 1-19 Conservation District.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 8831.151, Special District Local Laws  
 1-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 8831.151. DISTRICT REVENUE AND FEES. To accomplish  
 1-24 the regulatory goals of the district, to pay the district's  
 1-25 maintenance and operating costs, and to pay any bonds issued by the  
 1-26 district, the district may:

1-27 (1) impose an ad valorem tax at a rate not to exceed  
 1-28 2.5 cents for each \$100 of taxable value of property in the  
 1-29 district, subject to voter approval;

1-30 (2) assess production fees as authorized by Section  
 1-31 36.205, Water Code [~~for services or for water withdrawn from~~  
 1-32 ~~wells]; [~~or~~]~~

1-33 (3) solicit and accept grants from any public or  
 1-34 private source; and

1-35 (4) assess:  
 1-36 (A) an export fee on groundwater exported from  
 1-37 the district in an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the maximum  
 1-38 wholesale water rate charged by the City of Houston; and

1-39 (B) other fees authorized by Chapter 36, Water  
 1-40 Code.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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