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H.B. No. 3356

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regulation of production of wells for retail public utilities by a groundwater conservation district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 36.116(c), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In regulating the production of groundwater based on tract size or acreage, a district shall ~~[may]~~ consider the service needs or service area of the ~~[a]~~ retail public ~~[water]~~ utility. For the purposes of this subsection, "retail public ~~[water]~~ utility" has ~~[shall have]~~ the meaning assigned by ~~[provided at]~~ Section 13.002. A district may determine whether it is appropriate to base the production amount on a retail public utility's service needs or service area under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.