

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 611
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 17, 2015; February 23, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water,
 1-4 and Rural Affairs; March 30, 2015, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 30, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the confidentiality of certain water well reports.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 36.111, Water Code, is
 1-20 amended to read as follows:
 1-21 Sec. 36.111. RECORDS AND REPORTS; CONFIDENTIALITY.
 1-22 SECTION 2. Section 36.111, Water Code, is amended by adding
 1-23 Subsection (c) to read as follows:
 1-24 (c) A groundwater withdrawal report submitted by the owner
 1-25 or operator of a privately owned water well to a district that
 1-26 requires withdrawal reporting under Subsection (b) is not subject
 1-27 to public disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, if the
 1-28 owner or operator of the well submits a written request to the
 1-29 district in which the well is located to have the well's withdrawal
 1-30 reports treated as confidential information. A district that
 1-31 receives a request for confidentiality may release groundwater
 1-32 production information contained in the reports only if the
 1-33 information is summarized in a manner that prevents the
 1-34 identification of individual well owners or operators or the parcel
 1-35 of land on which a well is located. This subsection does not apply
 1-36 to a well that is owned or operated by a public entity, including a
 1-37 conservation and reclamation district operating under Section 59,
 1-38 Article XVI, Texas Constitution, or a municipality.
 1-39 SECTION 3. Section 36.111, Water Code, as amended by this
 1-40 Act, applies only to a water well withdrawal report required to be
 1-41 filed with a groundwater conservation district on or after the
 1-42 effective date of this Act.
 1-43 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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