

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 886
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that recently the enabling legislation of certain groundwater conservation districts was amended to remove certain conflicts with Water Code provisions and to provide uniform election dates. H.B. 886 seeks to make similar changes with regard to the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 886 amends Chapter 157, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, to change from an underground water conservation district to a groundwater conservation district the type of district for which the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District is granted all of the rights, powers, privileges, functions, and duties provided by the general law of the state and to remove a district's authority from such grant of powers.

H.B. 886 changes the date of the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District's directors' election from the first Saturday in May of every other year to the uniform election date in May of each even-numbered year. The bill specifies that a director is required to qualify to serve as director in the manner provided by Water Code provisions requiring a sworn statement, oath of office, and bond of a groundwater conservation district director.

H.B. 886 repeals the following provisions of Chapter 157, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995:

- Sections 6(b) and (c)
- Section 7
- Section 8
- Section 10

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.