

1-1 By: Kacal, Guerra (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 4122
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2017;
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 16, 2017, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 16, 2017, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-9 | X | | | |
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the transference of certain territory from one
 1-19 groundwater conservation district to another.

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

1-21 SECTION 1. Chapter 36, Water Code, is amended by adding
 1-22 Subchapter J-1 to read as follows:

1-23 SUBCHAPTER J-1. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TERRITORY

1-24 Sec. 36.341. PETITION TO TRANSFER. The owner of a
 1-25 contiguous parcel of land that is greater than 1,000 acres in area
 1-26 and is included in the territory of two or more groundwater
 1-27 conservation districts by a petition presented to the districts may
 1-28 request that the districts transfer portions of their territories
 1-29 as necessary for the entire parcel to be included in the territory
 1-30 of a single district only if:

1-31 (1) the districts in which the parcel of land is
 1-32 located have regulatory authority over the same aquifer or
 1-33 subdivision of an aquifer that underlies the parcel of land;

1-34 (2) the district to which the owner of the land
 1-35 petitions the parcel of land to be transferred contains the portion
 1-36 of the parcel of land with the greatest amount of taxable value of
 1-37 property compared to each other portion of the parcel of land that
 1-38 is located in another district;

1-39 (3) none of the land included in the parcel has been
 1-40 transferred under this subchapter by a previous petition; and

1-41 (4) all of the districts in which the parcel is located
 1-42 agree to the transfer.

1-43 Sec. 36.342. REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITION. (a) A petition
 1-44 submitted under this subchapter must accurately describe the
 1-45 boundaries of the parcel. The petitioner must provide a copy of the
 1-46 petition to each district in which the land described by Section
 1-47 36.341 is located.

1-48 (b) The petition must state the taxable value of the portion
 1-49 of the parcel of land in each district.

1-50 Sec. 36.343. HEARING. (a) Each district, on receiving a
 1-51 petition under this subchapter, shall hold a hearing on the matter
 1-52 of the transfer requested in the petition.

1-53 (b) The board of each district by order shall set a time and
 1-54 place to hold a hearing on the petition to include or exclude the
 1-55 parcel in the district. The hearing may be held not earlier than
 1-56 the 31st day after the date on which the board issues the order.

1-57 (c) The secretary of the board shall give notice of the
 1-58 hearing. The notice must contain the time and place for the hearing
 1-59 and a description of the parcel proposed to be annexed into or
 1-60 excluded from the district.

1-61 (d) The secretary shall:

