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H.B. No. 4291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the fees charged by the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 8824.151, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8824.151. DISTRICT REVENUE AND FEES.

SECTION 2. Section 8824.151(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To accomplish the regulatory goals of the district, pay the maintenance and operating costs of the district, and ~~to~~ pay any bonds or notes issued by the district, the district may:

(1) impose ad valorem taxes at a rate not to exceed three cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the district; ~~or~~

(2) assess production fees as authorized by Section 36.205, Water Code;

(3) solicit and accept grants from any public or private source;

(4) assess an export fee on water ~~reasonable fees for:~~

~~[(A) services provided,~~

~~[(B) water withdrawn from each well that is not exempt from district permitting or regulation, or~~

1                    [~~(C) groundwater~~] exported from the district in  
2 an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the maximum wholesale water  
3 rate charged by the City of Houston; and  
4                    (5) assess other fees authorized under Chapter 36,  
5 Water Code.

6            SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.