

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 1172
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 1, 2017; March 9, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural
 1-4 Affairs; March 29, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 29, 2017, 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 regulation of seed by a political subdivision.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Chapter 61, Agriculture Code, is amended by
 1-20 adding Section 61.019 to read as follows:
 1-21 Sec. 61.019. LOCAL REGULATION OF SEED PROHIBITED.
 1-22 (a) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by
 1-23 Subsection (c), a political subdivision may not adopt an order,
 1-24 ordinance, or other measure that regulates agricultural seed,
 1-25 vegetable seed, weed seed, or any other seed in any manner,
 1-26 including planting seed or cultivating plants grown from seed.
 1-27 (b) An order, ordinance, or other measure adopted by a
 1-28 political subdivision that violates Subsection (a) is void.
 1-29 (c) A political subdivision may take any action otherwise
 1-30 prohibited by this section to:
 1-31 (1) comply with any federal or state requirements;
 1-32 (2) avoid a federal or state penalty or fine; or
 1-33 (3) attain or maintain compliance with federal or
 1-34 state environmental standards, including state water quality
 1-35 standards.
 1-36 SECTION 2. Section 61.019(b), Agriculture Code, as added by
 1-37 this Act, applies to an order, ordinance, or other measure adopted
 1-38 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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