By:  Frank (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 3663

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019; May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Water & Rural Affairs; May 15, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Creighton       X

Alvarado        X

Johnson         X

Kolkhorst       X

Rodríguez       X

Taylor          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 9, Chapter 86, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9.  The Authority is empowered to acquire land and to construct, lease or otherwise acquire all works, plants and other facilities necessary or useful for the purpose of diverting, further impounding or storing water, processing such water and transporting it to cities and others for municipal, domestic, industrial and mining purposes. Subject to the terms of any deed of trust issued by the Authority, the Authority may sell, trade or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property deemed by the Board of Directors not to be needed for Authority purposes. The Authority is [~~not~~] authorized to develop or otherwise acquire underground sources of water. The Authority is not authorized to exercise powers of eminent domain outside the boundaries of Baylor, Knox, Haskell and Throckmorton Counties.

SECTION 2.  All acts of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority relating to the development or acquisition of groundwater occurring on or before the effective date of this Act and taken in response to emergency drought conditions that have not been rescinded or are the subject of pending litigation are validated in all respects.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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