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H.B. No. 152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of groundwater conditions in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. In order to engage in a scientific inquiry and analysis regarding current and projected groundwater production and to assess the effects of that production on groundwater conditions, the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board shall, for the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers north of the Colorado River in Bell, Burnet, Milam, Travis, and Williamson Counties:

(1) compile and evaluate current data on groundwater levels, aquifer characteristics, and groundwater use and production; and

(2) fully assess the effects of current and projected groundwater production on groundwater conditions.

SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2022, the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board shall:

(1) complete the compilation, evaluation, and assessment of data described by Section 1 of this Act;

(2) prepare a report of the findings of the compilation, evaluation, and assessment;

(3) submit the report to each standing committee of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over water

1 development; and

2 (4) make copies of the report available to the public.

3 SECTION 3. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.