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H.B. No. 1718

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the equalization of the rates of production fees
3 charged on certain wells by the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer
4 Conservation District; authorizing an increase in the rate of the
5 fee.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 8802.1045(g), Special District Local
8 Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 (g) This subsection applies only to a well located in the
10 shared territory described by Section 8802.0035. Notwithstanding
11 Subsection (b), before September 1, 2021, the district may not
12 charge an annual production fee of more than 17 cents per thousand
13 gallons of water authorized to be produced under a permit from a
14 well under this subsection, if the water is permitted for any use
15 other than agricultural use. The district may increase the annual
16 production fee under this subsection by not more than 10 cents per
17 thousand gallons per year beginning on September 1, 2021, for water
18 permitted for nonagricultural purposes, until the annual
19 production fee is equal to the maximum amount set forth in
20 Subsection (b).

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.