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S.B. No. 1314

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a person obtaining a surety bond before filing a suit against a groundwater conservation district.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 36, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 36.2515 to read as follows:

Sec. 36.2515. SURETY BOND REQUIRED. A person shall obtain a surety bond before filing a suit under Section 36.251. The surety bond must cover all legal costs associated with the suit, including:

(1) costs that may be incurred by the district and applicant; and

(2) the cost of a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings if requested.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a suit against a groundwater conservation district that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit against a groundwater conservation district that is filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit is filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.