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H.B. No. 141

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permit fees for groundwater wells imposed by the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8868.153, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8868.153. PERMIT FEES. (a) The district by rule may impose a reasonable fee on each well that is not exempt from regulation by the district and for which a permit is issued by the district.

(b) The fee must be based on the amount of water to be withdrawn from the well.

(c) The fee may not exceed seven cents [~~one cent~~] per thousand gallons of groundwater withdrawn for any purpose.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.