By:  Perry S.B. No. 1745

(In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2023; March 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; April 3, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 3, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Hancock         X

Blanco          X

Flores          X

Gutierrez       X

Johnson                   X

Kolkhorst       X

Sparks          X

Springer        X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

(g)  This subsection applies only to a well located in the shared territory described by Section 8802.0035. Notwithstanding Subsection (b), before September 1, 2023, the district may not charge an annual production fee of more than 17 cents per thousand gallons of water authorized to be produced under a permit from a well under this subsection, if the water is permitted for any use other than agricultural use. The district may increase the annual production fee under this subsection by not more than 10 cents per thousand gallons per year beginning on September 1, 2023, for water permitted for nonagricultural purposes, until the annual production fee is equal to the maximum amount set forth in Subsection (b).

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 September 1, 2023.

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