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S.B. No. 2052

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to permit fees for groundwater wells imposed by the  
3 Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

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

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

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

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12 withdrawn from the well.

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14 thousand gallons of groundwater withdrawn for any purpose.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.