

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(b) The fee must be based on the amount of water to be withdrawn from the well.

(c) The fee may not exceed seven cents [~~one cent~~] per thousand gallons of groundwater withdrawn for any purpose.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 September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2052 passed the Senate on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2052 passed the House on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 103, Nays 35, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor