H.B. No. 1690

AN ACT

relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 36.122, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1)  The district shall adopt rules requiring that notice be given for an application filed to comply with this section. The notice must be:

(1)  paid for by the applicant;

(2)  sent by certified mail to:

(A)  each district that:

(i)  is adjacent to the district considering the application; and

(ii)  overlies any portion of the aquifer from which the groundwater would be produced;

(B)  the commissioners court of each county:

(i)  in which the district considering the application is located; and

(ii)  that overlies any portion of the aquifer from which the groundwater would be produced; and

(C)  the commissioners court of each county in which a district that receives notice under Paragraph (A) is located; and

(3)  published in:

(A)  a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the district considering the application is located; and

(B)  a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which a district that receives notice under Subdivision (2)(A) is located.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1690 was passed by the House on April 24, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 141, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1690 on May 29, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 133, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1690 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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               Governor