By:  Gerdes (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1690

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2025; April 28, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                     Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry                 X

Hancock               X

Birdwell                        X

Blanco                X

Gutierrez             X

Hinojosa of Nueces    X

Johnson               X

Kolkhorst             X

Sparks                X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1690 By:  Perry

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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