

By: Gerdes

H.B. No. 1523

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1523:

By: Martinez

C.S.H.B. No. 1523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition on the authorization by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the use of a Class V injection well for certain aquifer storage and recovery projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 27.1535 to read as follows:

Sec. 27.1535. CERTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS PROHIBITED. (a) This section applies only to a Class V injection well located in any portion of the territory of a groundwater conservation district that is located wholly or partly in a county that:

(1) has a population of more than 70,000 and less than 100,000 and contains a portion of the Colorado River; and

(2) is adjacent to a county that has a population of one million or more.

(b) The commission may not authorize the use of a Class V injection well for an aquifer storage and recovery project operated by:

(1) a municipally owned utility that primarily provides water to a municipality that:

(A) has a population of 750,000 or more; and

(B) is located in a county adjacent to a county described by Subsection (a); or

(2) a nonprofit entity that has partnered with a

1 municipally owned utility to provide water to a municipality
2 described by Subdivision (1).

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.