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H.B. No. 1523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a prohibition on the authorization by the Texas  
3 Commission on Environmental Quality of the use of a Class V  
4 injection well for certain aquifer storage and recovery projects.

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

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

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

12 (1) has a population of more than 70,000 and less than  
13 100,000 and contains a portion of the Colorado River; and

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

16 (b) The commission may not authorize the use of a Class V  
17 injection well for an aquifer storage and recovery project operated  
18 by a municipally owned utility that primarily provides water to a  
19 municipality that:

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

21 (2) is located in a county adjacent to a county  
22 described by Subsection (a).

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.