

1-1 By: Gerdes (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 1523  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;  
1-3 May 15, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,  
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported adversely,  
1-5 with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-6 Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Hancock	X		
1-11	Birdwell		X	
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Gutierrez	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Johnson	X		
1-16	Kolkhorst	X		
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1523 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a temporary prohibition on the authorization by the  
1-22 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the use of a Class V  
1-23 injection well for certain aquifer storage and recovery projects.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended  
1-26 by adding Section 27.1535 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 27.1535. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON AUTHORIZATIONS OF  
1-28 USE OF CERTAIN CLASS V INJECTION WELLS. (a) This section applies  
1-29 only to a Class V injection well that is located in any portion of  
1-30 the territory of a groundwater conservation district that has  
1-31 adopted a resolution finding that Class V injection wells pose  
1-32 environmental risks to aquifers located in the territory of the  
1-33 district.

1-34 (b) The commission may not authorize the use of a Class V  
1-35 injection well for an aquifer storage and recovery project operated  
1-36 by a municipally owned utility that primarily provides water to a  
1-37 municipality that:

1-38 (1) has a population of 750,000 or more; and

1-39 (2) is located in a county adjacent to a county in  
1-40 which a groundwater conservation district described by Subsection  
1-41 (a) is wholly or partly located.

1-42 (c) This section expires December 31, 2027.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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