

By: Zwiener

H.B. No. 2347

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2347:

By: Martinez

C.S.H.B. No. 2347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 562, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. WATER CONSERVATION

Sec. 562.051. WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county that has a population greater than 230,000, is wholly or partly located within the boundaries of the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area, and is adjacent to a county with a population greater than one million.

(b) The commissioners court of a county by order may adopt a water conservation program. Except as provided by Subsection (c), a water conservation program adopted under this section may establish for the unincorporated area of the county, including the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, water conservation standards applicable to a development, redevelopment, or subdivision of a tract of land that begins after August 31, 2025.

(c) Water conservation standards established under Subsection (b) do not apply to an agricultural operation, as defined by Section 251.002, Agriculture Code.

(d) To the extent of a conflict between a county order

adopted under this section and a permit, rule, ordinance, or other
measure issued by a governmental entity and regulating the same
conduct:

(1) if the governmental entity is a municipality, the
municipal measure prevails; or

(2) if the governmental entity is a political
subdivision other than a municipality, the more stringent
regulation prevails.

Sec. 562.052. EXPIRATION. This subchapter and any water
conservation programs adopted under Section 562.051 expire
September 1, 2031.

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