

By: Spiller

H.B. No. 3525

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3525:

By: Martinez

C.S.H.B. No. 3525

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of the North Texas Groundwater
3 Conservation District to consider certain factors before granting
4 or denying a permit.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 8856, Special District
7 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8856.1055 to read as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 8856.1055. PERMIT CONSIDERATIONS; PONDS AND LAKES.

10 Before granting or denying a permit or a permit amendment issued in
11 accordance with Section 36.1146, Water Code, the district shall
12 consider whether the proposed use of water from the well is wholly
13 or partly to provide water to a pond or lake with a surface area
14 greater than two acres to enhance the appearance of the landscape.

15 SECTION 2. Section 8856.1055, Special District Local Laws
16 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for a
17 permit or permit amendment submitted on or after the effective date
18 of this Act.

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