

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 616
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 13, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and
1-4 Rural Affairs; February 25, 2025, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; February 25, 2025, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9			X	
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a
1-21 portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 27.051(i), Water Code, is amended to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (i) For purposes of this subsection, "Edwards Aquifer" has
1-26 the meaning assigned by Section 26.046(a). Except as otherwise
1-27 provided by this subsection, the commission may not authorize by
1-28 rule or permit an injection well that transects or terminates in the
1-29 Edwards Aquifer. The commission by rule or permit may authorize:

1-30 (1) injection of groundwater withdrawn from the
1-31 Edwards Aquifer;

1-32 (2) injections of storm water, flood water, or
1-33 groundwater through improved sinkholes or caves located in karst
1-34 topographic areas; ~~or~~

1-35 (3) injections of water made in accordance with
1-36 Section 1.44(e)(3), Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature,
1-37 Regular Session, 1993; or

1-38 (4) an aquifer storage and recovery project that
1-39 includes an ASR injection well, as defined under Section 27.151,
1-40 that transects the Edwards Aquifer in the area of Williamson County
1-41 east of Interstate Highway 35 for the injection of water into a
1-42 geologic formation that underlies the Edwards Aquifer.

1-43 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2026, the Texas
1-44 Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules to implement
1-45 Section 27.051(i), Water Code, as amended by this Act.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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