

AN ACT

relating to water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer and to the use of certain reclaimed water in an aquifer storage and recovery project.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1.34(b), Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Water withdrawn from the aquifer may not be transported outside the boundaries of the authority via pipeline or other means for any purpose. Water withdrawn from the aquifer must be used within:

(1) the boundaries of the authority; or

(2) the certificated area of a retail public utility according to a certificate of convenience and necessity, as the certificate existed on September 1, 2025, any part of which was located within the boundaries of the authority on June 28, 1996.

SECTION 2. Section 27.153, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(1), the commission by rule or by individual or general permit may authorize the injection of reclaimed water that is treated in accordance with standards adopted by the commission for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 863 passed the Senate on April 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 863 passed the House, with amendment, on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor