

1-1 By: Blanco S.B. No. 1268  
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1-4 Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs; March 17, 2025, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 17, 2025,  
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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 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the review and updating by the Texas Water Development  
1-21 Board of guidance principles and rules related to certain plans  
1-22 adopted or approved by the board.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 16.051, Water Code, is amended by  
1-25 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as  
1-26 follows:

1-27 (d) The board, in coordination with the commission, the  
1-28 Department of Agriculture, and the Parks and Wildlife Department,  
1-29 shall adopt by rule guidance principles for the state water plan  
1-30 which reflect the public interest of the entire state. When  
1-31 adopting guidance principles, due consideration shall be given to  
1-32 the construction and improvement of surface water resources and the  
1-33 application of principles that result in voluntary redistribution  
1-34 of water resources. The board shall review and update the guidance  
1-35 principles and any other rules related to the state water plan, with  
1-36 input from the commission, the Department of Agriculture, and the  
1-37 Parks and Wildlife Department, as necessary but at least every five  
1-38 years to coincide with the five-year cycle for adoption of a new  
1-39 water plan as described in Subsection (a).

1-40 (d-1) The requirement to review a rule not later than the  
1-41 fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and  
1-42 every four years after that date under Section 2001.039(b),  
1-43 Government Code, does not apply to a rule related to the state water  
1-44 plan adopted under this section.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 16.053, Water Code, is amended by adding  
1-46 Subsections (f-1) and (f-2) to read as follows:

1-47 (f-1) The board shall review and update rules adopted under  
1-48 this section as necessary but at least every five years to coincide  
1-49 with the five-year cycle for adoption of a new water plan as  
1-50 described in Section 16.051.

1-51 (f-2) The requirement to review a rule not later than the  
1-52 fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and  
1-53 every four years after that date under Section 2001.039(b),  
1-54 Government Code, does not apply to a rule adopted under this  
1-55 section.

1-56 SECTION 3. Section 16.061, Water Code, is amended by  
1-57 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as  
1-58 follows:

1-59 (c) The board, in coordination with the commission, the  
1-60 Department of Agriculture, the General Land Office, the Parks and  
1-61 Wildlife Department, the Texas Division of Emergency Management,

and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, shall adopt guidance principles for the state flood plan that reflect the public interest of the entire state. The board shall review and revise the guidance principles and any other rules related to the state flood plan, with input from the commission, the Department of Agriculture, the General Land Office, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, as necessary and at least every fifth year to coincide with the five-year cycle for adoption of a new state flood plan.

(c-1) The requirement to review a rule not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date under Section 2001.039(b), Government Code, does not apply to a rule adopted under this section.

SECTION 4. Section 16.062, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsections (m) and (n) to read as follows:

(m) The board shall review and update rules adopted under this section as necessary but at least every five years to coincide with the five-year cycle for adoption of a new flood plan as described in Section 16.061.

(n) The requirement to review a rule not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date under Section 2001.039(b), Government Code, does not apply to a rule adopted under this section.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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