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S.B. No. 1611

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees assessed by the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8849.151, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8849.151. ~~[PUMPING]~~ FEES. (a) The district may assess production ~~[regulatory pumping]~~ fees under Section 36.205(c), Water Code, and export fees under Section 36.122, Water Code ~~[for water produced in or exported from the district]~~.

(b) The production ~~[regulatory pumping]~~ fees the district assesses for water for crop or livestock production or other agricultural uses may not exceed 20 percent of the rate applied to water for municipal uses.

(c) Production ~~[Regulatory pumping]~~ fees ~~[based on the amount of water withdrawn from a well]~~ may not exceed:

(1) \$1 for each acre-foot for water used to irrigate agricultural crops; or

(2) 17 cents for each thousand gallons for water used for any other purpose.

~~[(d) Combined regulatory pumping fees for production and export of water may not exceed 17 cents for each thousand gallons for water used.]~~

SECTION 2. Mitigation payments and fees assessed before the

1 effective date of this Act are ratified, confirmed, and validated
2 in all respects.

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