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S.B. No. 1623

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dedication of certain water rights to the Texas Water Trust.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.7031(c), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The dedication of any surface water rights placed in trust must be reviewed and approved by the commission, in consultation with the board and the Parks and Wildlife Department. In addition, the Department of Agriculture may provide input to the commission, as appropriate, during the review and approval process for dedication of surface water rights. The dedication of any groundwater rights placed in trust must be reviewed and approved by the board and reviewed and acknowledged by any district or authority created under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, that has the authority to regulate the spacing of water wells, the production from water wells, or both in the aquifer, subdivision of an aquifer, or geologic stratum where the groundwater rights are located.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.