

1-1 By: Hagenbuch S.B. No. 1959  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2025; March 17, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and  
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 29, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 29, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
Perry	X			
Hancock	X			
Birdwell	X			
Blanco	X			
Gutierrez	X			
Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
Johnson	X			
Kolkhorst	X			
Sparks	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1959 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authority of the North Texas Groundwater  
1-22 Conservation District to consider certain factors before granting  
1-23 or denying a permit.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 8856, Special District  
1-26 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8856.1055 to read as  
1-27 follows:

1-28 Sec. 8856.1055. PERMIT CONSIDERATIONS; PONDS AND LAKES.

1-29 Before granting or denying a permit or a permit amendment issued in  
1-30 accordance with Section 36.1146, Water Code, the district shall  
1-31 consider whether the proposed use of water from the well is wholly  
1-32 or partly to provide water to a pond or lake to enhance the  
1-33 appearance of the landscape.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 8856.1055, Special District Local Laws  
1-35 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for a  
1-36 permit or permit amendment submitted on or after the effective date  
1-37 of this Act.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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