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S.B. No. 2660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District;
authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 8843, Special District
Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8843.102 to read as
follows:

Sec. 8843.102. PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING METERING OF CERTAIN
WELLS. The district may not require a meter to be placed on a well:

(1) used solely for domestic or agricultural purposes;
and

(2) drilled, completed, and equipped so that the well
is not capable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater
per day.

SECTION 2. Section 8843.153, Special District Local Laws
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8843.153. TAXES ~~[AND OTHER FEES]~~ PROHIBITED.
Notwithstanding Section 8843.101 or Subchapter G, Chapter 36, Water
Code, the district may not~~+~~

~~[(1)] impose a tax[, or
[(2)] assess or collect any fees except as authorized
by Section 8843.151 or 8843.152].~~

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 8843, Special District
Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8843.1511 to read as

follows:

Sec. 8843.1511. PRODUCTION FEE. (a) The district may assess a production fee as provided by Section 36.205, Water Code.

(b) A fee assessed under this section may not exceed the greater of 30 cents per 1,000 gallons of groundwater withdrawn.

(c) The district may use revenues generated by fees assessed under this section for any lawful purpose.

(d) This section does not apply to:

(1) a well used exclusively for an agricultural use, as defined by Section 36.001, Water Code; or

(2) a well used exclusively for domestic use that is exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit under district rules.

SECTION 4. The following provisions of Chapter 8843, Special District Local Laws Code, are repealed:

(1) Section 8843.055;

(2) Section 8843.103;

(3) Section 8843.104; and

(4) Section 8843.152.

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