

SENATE AMENDMENTS
2nd Printing

By: Dean, VanDeaver, Hefner

H.B. No. 5659

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the procedural requirements applicable to certain
3 water-related transactions involving the Northeast Texas Municipal
4 Water District.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 78, Acts of the 53rd Legislature,
7 Regular Session, 1953, is amended by adding Sections 17A and 17B to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 17A. (a) Before the District may enter into a contract
10 under Section 15 or 17 of this Act or acquire a water appropriation
11 permit under Section 17 of this Act, the Board of Directors shall
12 hold a public hearing on the proposed contract or permit
13 acquisition.

14 (b) The Board of Directors shall provide any interested
15 person an opportunity to appear before the Board at the hearing and
16 speak on the proposed contract or permit acquisition.

17 (c) The Board of Directors shall provide notice of the
18 hearing in the manner provided by Section 49.063, Water Code, for a
19 meeting of the Board.

20 Sec. 17B. The District may enter into a contract or acquire
21 a permit described by Section 17A of this Act only if the contract
22 or permit acquisition is approved by a majority vote of the
23 governing body of each city that is entitled to appoint one or more
24 directors under Section 3 or 6 of this Act.

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1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

ADOPTED

MAY 26 2025

Latey Law
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Bryan Hughes*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 5659:

By: *Charles Perry*

C.S.H.B. No. 5659

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4 District.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 78, Acts of the 53rd Legislature,
7 Regular Session, 1953, is amended by adding Sections 17A and 17B to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 17A. (a) Before the District may enter into a contract
10 for an interbasin transfer of water or acquire a permit or other
11 authorization from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
12 for a proposed interbasin transfer, the Board of Directors shall
13 hold a public hearing on the proposed interbasin transfer.

14 (b) The Board of Directors shall provide any interested
15 person an opportunity to appear before the Board at the hearing and
16 speak on the proposed interbasin transfer.

17 (c) The Board of Directors shall provide notice of the
18 hearing in the manner provided by Section 49.063, Water Code, for a
19 meeting of the Board.

20 Sec. 17B. The District may enter into a contract or acquire
21 a permit or other authorization described by Section 17A of this Act
22 only if the contract or authorization is approved by a majority vote
23 of the governing bodies of a majority of the cities entitled to
24 appoint one or more directors under Section 3 or 6 of this Act.

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY:

Ryan Hyman

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 5659 (senate committee report) in SECTION
2 1 of the bill, in added Section 17B, Chapter 78, Acts of the 53rd
3 Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (page 1, line 42), by striking
4 "a majority" and substituting "at least five".

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5659 by Dean (Relating to the procedural requirements applicable to interbasin transfers of water involving the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, FV, TUf, BC, CWi

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5659 by Dean (relating to the procedural requirements applicable to interbasin transfers of water involving the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, FV, TUF, BC, CWi

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2025

TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5659 by Dean (Relating to the procedural requirements applicable to certain water-related transactions involving the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.), **As Engrossed**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 30, 2025

TO: Honorable Cody Harris, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5659 by Dean (relating to the procedural requirements applicable to certain water-related transactions involving the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, TUf, BC, CWi

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Cody Harris, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5659 by Dean (Relating to the procedural requirements applicable to certain water-related transactions involving the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.), **As Introduced**

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Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, TUf, BC, CWi

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

WATER DEVELOPMENT POLICY IMPACT STATEMENT

89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 1, 2025

TO: Honorable Cody Harris, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5659 by Dean (relating to the procedural requirements applicable to certain water-related transactions involving the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

The Legislative Budget Board, in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Water Development Board, has determined that:

No Water Development Policy Impact Statement is required for this bill under the provisions of Texas Constitution, Article 16, Section 59(d) as this bill does not create a conservation and reclamation district.

Source
Agencies: 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

LBB Staff: JMc, TUf, CMA, SZ

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Austin, Texas

WATER DEVELOPMENT POLICY IMPACT STATEMENT

89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

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