By: Gerdes H.B. No. 1181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for authorizing the use of a Class V injection well for an aquifer storage and recovery project if the well is not located within the territorial limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the project operator.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27.153(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Section 27.1535, the [~~The~~] commission may authorize the use of a Class V injection well as an ASR injection well:

(1) by rule;

(2) under an individual permit; or

(3) under a general permit.

SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 27.1535 to read as follows:

Sec. 27.1535. ADDITIONAL CONSENT REQUIRED FOR AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF CERTAIN CLASS V INJECTION WELLS. The commission may authorize the use of a Class V injection well for an aquifer storage and recovery project located outside the territorial limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the project operator only with the written consent of:

(1) the commissioners court of each county in which the project is wholly or partly located; and

(2) each groundwater conservation district in whose jurisdiction the project is wholly or partly located.

SECTION 3. 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, 2027.