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H.B. No. 3903

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District;
providing authority to increase certain fees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8843.051(b), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Directors serve staggered four-year [~~two-year~~] terms.

SECTION 2. Section 8843.053, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8843.053. ELECTION DATE. On the uniform election date in November [~~May~~] of each even-numbered year, the appropriate number of directors shall be elected.

SECTION 3. Section 8843.104(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following wells are exempt from the requirements of Chapter 36, Water Code, and may not be regulated, permitted, or metered by the district:

(1) a well used for domestic use by a single private residential household and producing not more [~~less~~] than 15,000 [~~25,000~~] gallons per day; and

(2) a well used for conventional farming and ranching activities, including such intensive operations as aquaculture, livestock feedlots, or poultry operations.

SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 8843, Special District

1 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8843.107 to read as
2 follows:

3 Sec. 8843.107. HIGH VOLUME WELLS. (a) In this section,
4 "high volume well" means a well that is capable of producing more
5 than 15,000 gallons a day for any use.

6 (b) An application for a permit to operate in the district a
7 high volume well that is not exempt under Section 8843.104 must
8 include:

9 (1) the name and mailing address of all persons who own
10 property within one-quarter mile of the well site; and

11 (2) proof that the owner or operator requesting the
12 permit has provided notice to all persons listed in Subdivision (1)
13 according to the form prescribed by the board.

14 SECTION 5. Section 8843.151, Special District Local Laws
15 Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 8843.151. WELL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE. The district
17 may charge and collect a construction permit fee not to exceed
18 \$1,000 [~~\$300~~] for a well for which the district requires a permit
19 under Section 8843.103.

20 SECTION 6. Section 8843.152(b), Special District Local Laws
21 Code, is amended to read as follows:

22 (b) The district may levy and collect a water utility
23 service connection fee not to exceed \$1,000 [~~\$300~~] for each new
24 water service connection made after September 1, 2001.

25 SECTION 7. Sections 8843.102 and 8843.155, Special District
26 Local Laws Code, are repealed.

27 SECTION 8. Not later than three months after the effective

1 date of this Act, the board of directors of the Hays Trinity
2 Groundwater Conservation District shall adopt rules to implement
3 Section 8843.107, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by
4 this Act.

5 SECTION 9. To establish staggered four-year terms of office
6 as required by Sections 8843.051(b) and 8843.053, Special District
7 Local Laws Code, as amended by this Act, a director elected in
8 November 2012 shall serve a term expiring December 1, 2014, and a
9 director elected in November 2013 shall serve a term expiring
10 December 1, 2016.

11 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it
12 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
13 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
14 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
15 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.