

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1301  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law requires certain water conservation measures. S.B. 1301 would further regulate water conservation measures required in a county during a declared drought disaster.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1301 regulates water conservation measures required in a county during a declared drought disaster.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 16.055, Water Code, by adding Subsections (g), (h), and (i), as follows:

(g) Requires appropriate water conservation measures as adopted by the county to be implemented throughout the county, immediately upon the declaration of a state of disaster due to drought conditions.

(h) Requires each county in the state, no later than December 31, 1999, to adopt an enforceable plan which contains the appropriate water conservation measures to be implemented under Subsection (g) of this section. Authorizes the plan to be subsequently amended as appropriate.

(i) Requires the Texas Water Development Board, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Department of Agriculture, upon request, to make available to a county appropriate technical assistance for the development of water conservation measures to be included in a plan adopted under Subsection (h) of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.