

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1301
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DIGEST

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

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.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 the county to take certain action immediately upon the declaration of a state of disaster due to drought conditions.

(h) Requires the person or entity to immediately implement the person's or entity's water conservation plan, or drought contingency plan, on receipt of the notice under Subsection (g)(2)(B).

(i) Provides that nothing in this section prevents a political subdivision or a person or entity required to develop a water conservation plan under Section 11.1271 or drought contingency plan under Section 11.1272 from implementing water conservation measures.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 16.005(g), Water Code, to require the county to take certain action immediately upon the declaration of a state of disaster due to drought conditions. Amends Subsection (h) to require certain persons to immediately implement the person's water conservation plan or drought contingency plan. Amends Subsection (i) to provide that nothing in this section prevents a political subdivision or person or entity from implementing water conservation measures. Deletes text regarding the water conservation measures adopted by the county. Deletes text regarding an enforceable plan. Deletes text requiring certain organizations to provide technical assistance.