

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law mandates that all waters subject to interbasin transfers would be junior in priority to all other waters within that originating basin. Thus during times of water shortage, all obligations within the basin would be fulfilled before any waters could be transferred as provided for in an interbasin transfer permit. This bill repeals that section of the Water Code.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 143 repeals a section of the Water Code relating to the priority of a water right authorizing a transfer of water from a river basin in this state to another river basin.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 11.085(s), Water Code (regarding the priority of a water right authorizing an interbasin water transfer).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.