

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides detailed procedures and requirements for applications for interbasin transfers. The certain law delineates certain types of interbasin transfers that were exempted from certain steps, except for the requirement that the transfer be authorized by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. S.B. 1476 removes the “exemptions” that are presently granted to certain categories of interbasin transfers.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1476 authorizes exceptions to requirements governing the authorization of an interbasin transfer.

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: Subsection (v), Section 11.085, Water Code (providing that certain provisions do not apply to proposed emergency transfers of water).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

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