BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1136 By: Cook (Armbrister) Natural Resources 4/19/2001 Engrossed

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Texas Constitution authorizes the creation of groundwater conservation districts to plan, develop, and regulate the use of water. As proposed, H.B. 1136 creates the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District in Colorado County, subject to approval at a confirmation election.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. CREATION. Sets forth provisions regarding the creation of the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District (district).

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. Defines "district."

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES. Sets forth provisions regarding the boundaries of the district.

SECTION 4. FINDING OF BENEFIT. Sets forth provisions regarding the benefits of the district.

SECTION 5. GENERAL POWERS. Sets forth provisions regarding the powers and duties of the district.

SECTION 6. REGIONAL COOPERATION. Sets forth duties of the district regarding regional cooperation.

SECTION 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the composition of the district's board of directors.

SECTION 8. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the district's temporary directors.

SECTION 9. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: COMMISSIONERS PRECINCTS. Sets forth provisions regarding the election of directors.

SECTION 10. CONFIRMATION AND INITIAL DIRECTORS' ELECTION. Sets forth provisions regarding the election to confirm the establishment of the district and to elect initial directors.

SECTION 11. ELECTION OF PERMANENT DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the election of directors.

SECTION 12. DISTRICT REVENUES. Sets forth provisions regarding the district's authority to perform certain procedures to pay certain costs of the district.

SECTION 13. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS. Provides that the procedural requirements necessary for the establishment of the district have been met.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION DATE. (a) September 1, 2001.

(b) Provides that if the creation of the district is not confirmed at an election before September 1, 2003, this Act expires on that date.