

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Texas faces a difficult challenge to develop water policies that serve both state and regional interests. The Texas Constitution authorizes the creation of groundwater conservation districts to plan, develop, and regulate the use of water. C.S.H.B.3665 creates the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election, in Callahan, Erath, Somervell, Bosque, Comanche, Eastland, and Coryell counties.

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 Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (district).

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. Redefines “district.”

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES. Provides that the boundaries of the district are coextensive with the boundaries of certain counties.

SECTION 4. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT. Sets forth provisions regarding the finding of benefit for the district.

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

SECTION 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the board of directors of the district.

SECTION 7. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the appointment of directors.

SECTION 8. INITIAL DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding initial directors of the district.

SECTION 9. TERMS OF OFFICE OF INITIAL DIRECTORS. Sets forth terms of initial directors.

SECTION 10. CONFIRMATION ELECTION. Sets forth provisions regarding the calling and holding of a confirmation election.

SECTION 11. DISTRICT REVENUES. Sets forth provisions regarding the utilization of district revenues.

SECTION 12. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS. Sets forth

provisions regarding procedural requirements.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION DATE. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2001.

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

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends the name of the proposed district to be the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

SECTION 2. Amends the definition of the district to reflect the name change.

SECTION 5. Amends Subsections (a) and (b), and adds new Subsection (c).

SECTION 6. Amends Subsections (a) and (b), and adds new Subsection (f).

Adds new SECTION 7 (APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS).

Adds new SECTION 8 (INITIAL DIRECTORS).

Adds new SECTION 9 (TERMS OF OFFICE OF INITIAL DIRECTORS).

Adds new SECTION 10 (CONFIRMATION ELECTION).

Renumbers As Filed SECTIONS 12 through 14 as SECTIONS 11 through 13.

SECTION 11. Amends proposed language regarding district revenues.