

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. H.B. 3675 creates the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District, subject to approval at a confirmation election, to manage Brazoria County's groundwater resources.

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 Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District (district).

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. Defines "district."

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES. Provides that the boundaries of the district are coextensive with the boundaries of Brazoria County, Texas.

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

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

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

SECTION 7. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the temporary directors.

SECTION 8. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: COMMISSIONERS PRECINCTS. Sets forth provisions regarding the election of directors.

SECTION 9. CONFIRMATION AND INITIAL DIRECTORS' ELECTION. Sets forth provisions regarding confirmation and initial directors' election.

SECTION 10. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the election of directors.

SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF POWERS. Prohibits the district from performing certain acts.

SECTION 12. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS. Provides that all findings related to the proposed district have been furnished to certain persons and entities.

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

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