

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Texas Constitution authorizes the creation of groundwater conservation districts to plan, develop, and regulate the use of water. As proposed, S.B. 1704 creates the Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, subject to approval at a confirmation election, to manage groundwater resources.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the board of directors of the Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District in SECTION 5 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. RATIFICATION OF CREATION. Ratifies the creation of the Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. Defines “board,” “commission,” and “district.”

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

SECTION 4. FINDINGS RELATIVE TO BOUNDARIES. Provides findings regarding boundaries and field notes of the district.

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

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

SECTION 7. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: COMMISSIONERS PRECINCTS. Sets forth provisions regarding the election and eligibility of district directors.

SECTION 8. CONFIRMATION ELECTION AND ELECTION OF INITIAL DIRECTORS. Sets forth provision regarding the confirmation and duties of the initial board of directors.

SECTION 9. ELECTION OF REGULAR DIRECTORS. Sets forth provisions regarding the election of regular directors.

SECTION 10. COORDINATION. Authorizes the district to coordinate certain activities with other districts.

SECTION 11. MODIFICATION OF DISTRICT. Authorizes the district to be modified according to certain provisions.

SECTION 12. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS. Sets forth that the

intentions of this Act have been published and notice has been furnished to certain persons or entities.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION DATE. September 1, 2001.

Provides that the district is dissolved if it has not been confirmed at an election before September 1, 2005.