

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas faces certain challenges to develop water policies that serve state and regional interests. The Texas Constitution authorizes the creation of groundwater conservation districts to plan, develop, and regulate the use of water. As proposed, S.B. 1947 creates the Heritage Groundwater Conservation District, subject to approval at a confirmation election, to manage groundwater resources in the parts of Brooks, Jim Wells, Kleberg, and Nueces 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. DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 2. CREATION.

SECTION 3. FINDING OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE.

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SECTION 11. APPOINTMENT OF INITIAL DIRECTORS; TERMS OF OFFICE.

SECTION 12. CONFIRMATION ELECTION.

SECTION 13. DISTRICT REVENUES.

SECTION 14. CONTRACTS.

SECTION 15. EMINENT DOMAIN; ENTERING PRIVATE PROPERTY.

SECTION 16. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.