

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Section 51.305(a), Water Code, mandates that not less than one-third nor more than two-thirds of the estimated maintenance and operating expenses for a water district must be paid from a flat rate assessment. The Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (BMA) maintenance and operating expenses are increasing to satisfy its obligations to provide water for municipal use. However, Section 51.305(a) requires that at least one-third of the cost be allocated to farmers, so the board has been forced to increase the flat tax assessment paid by farmers when the municipal customers are creating the cost. H.B. 3520 allows BMA to lower the tax rate on farmers in the district.

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. Provides that certain limitations on the portion of the estimated maintenance and operating expenses of a water control and improvement district that may be paid by an assessment against land in the district to which the district can furnish water through its irrigation system or through an extension of its irrigation system do not apply to Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

SECTION 2. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.