

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.H.B. 4029  
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Natural Resources  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Lavaca County is underlain by significant but unquantified groundwater resources. The prompt creation of a countywide groundwater conservation district pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution will provide reasonable local management of groundwater resources.

C.S.H.B. 4029 creates the Lavaca County Groundwater Conservation District and provides that the district must be confirmed by the voters of Lavaca County.

### **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. Amends Subtitle H, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 8822, as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 8822. LAVACA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Lavaca County Groundwater Conservation District. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation, approval, and dissolution of the district (Sections 8822.001 - 8822.020);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the temporary and permanent board of directors of the district (Sections 8822.021 - 8822.100);

Powers and duties of the district (Section 8822.101-822.150); and

General financial provisions and taxing authority for the district (Section 8822.151).

Prohibits the use of eminent domain by the district.

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, 2007.