

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3163
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 3163 amends current law relating to civil suits filed against board members of a groundwater conservation district and the liability of a member for certain actions taken by the board.

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 Section 36.060, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to provide that, for liability purposes only, a director is considered a district employee under Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, even if the director does not receive fees of office voluntarily, by district policy, or through a statutory exception to this section.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 36.066(a), Water Code, to provide that a district (relating to any district or authority created under certain articles of the Texas Constitution, that has the authority to regulate the spacing of water wells, the production of water wells, or both) board member is immune from suit and immune from liability for official votes and official action.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.