

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There is concern that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) may be unable to meet a deadline to identify and designate brackish groundwater production zones for certain areas of Texas due to inadequate funding and limited availability of qualified contractors. S.B. 1041 seeks to address this concern by postponing the deadline.

As proposed, S.B. 1041 amends current law relating to the deadline by which the Texas Water Development Board is required to identify and designate brackish groundwater production zones for certain areas of the state.

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 4(b), Chapter 990 (H.B. 30), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, as follows:

(b) Requires the Texas Water Development Board, not later than December 1, 2032, rather than not later than December 1, 2022, to identify and designate brackish groundwater production zones for areas of this state not described by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.