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S.B. No. 1639

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to regulation of spacing and production of groundwater
3 from aquifers by a groundwater conservation district.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 36.116, Water Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) For better management of the groundwater resources
8 located in a district or if a district determines that conditions in
9 or use of an aquifer differ substantially from one geographic area
10 of the district to another, the district may adopt different rules
11 for:

12 (1) each aquifer, subdivision of an aquifer, or
13 geologic strata located in whole or in part within the boundaries of
14 the district; or

15 (2) each geographic area overlying an aquifer or
16 subdivision of an aquifer located in whole or in part within the
17 boundaries of the district.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.