1-1 By: Perry

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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-13	Kolkhorst	Х			
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to administrative completeness requirements for permit and permit amendment applications for groundwater conservation districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 36.113(c), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (c) A district may require that <u>only</u> the following be included in the permit or permit amendment application, as <u>applicable under the rules of the district</u>:
- (1) the name and mailing address of the applicant and the owner of the land on which the well will be located;
- (2) if the applicant is other than the owner of the property, documentation establishing the applicable authority to construct and operate a well for the proposed use;
- (3) a statement of the nature and purpose of the proposed use and the amount of water to be used for each purpose;
- (4) a water conservation plan or a declaration that the applicant will comply with the district's management plan;
- (5) the location of each well and the estimated rate at which water will be withdrawn;
- (6) a water well closure plan or a declaration that the applicant will comply with well plugging guidelines and report closure to the commission; [and]
  - (7) a drought contingency plan; and
  - (8) other information:
- (A) included in a rule of the district in effect on the date the application is submitted that specifies what information must be included in an application for a determination of administrative completeness; and
- (B) reasonably related to an issue that a
- 1-47 <u>district is authorized to consider under this chapter</u>.

  1-48 SECTION 2. Section 36.114(h), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:
  - (h) An <u>application is administratively complete if it contains the [application requires</u>] information set forth <u>under [in accordance with]</u> Sections 36.113 and 36.1131. A district shall not require that additional information be included in an application for a determination of administrative completeness.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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