

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 1525
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural
1-4 Affairs; April 6, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 6, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Perry	X		
1-9	Rodríguez	X		
1-10	Creighton	X		
1-11	Hall	X		
1-12	Hinojosa	X		
1-13	Kolkhorst	X		
1-14	Miles	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of water
1-18 needs and availability in this state.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "board" means the Texas
1-21 Water Development Board.

1-22 (b) The board shall:

1-23 (1) conduct a study of water needs and availability in
1-24 this state; and

1-25 (2) use the results of the study to produce a
1-26 comprehensive water resources map.

1-27 (c) The study must consider:

1-28 (1) opportunities for, obstacles to, and costs
1-29 associated with the development of new sources of water, including
1-30 but not limited to the diversion of water from contiguous states,
1-31 the use of flood control diversion channels, and the reuse of water
1-32 associated with oil and gas operations;

1-33 (2) potential locations of facilities for the
1-34 desalination of marine seawater and brackish groundwater;

1-35 (3) the allocation of costs associated with the
1-36 transportation of desalinated marine seawater and brackish
1-37 groundwater from the place of production to end users;

1-38 (4) the potential for the use of public-private
1-39 partnerships for water development projects in this state; and

1-40 (5) methods to ensure that stakeholders from all water
1-41 user groups are included in the development of plans for the use of
1-42 water in this state.

1-43 (d) In conducting the study, the board may consult with the
1-44 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

1-45 (e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the board shall submit
1-46 to each standing committee of the legislature having primary
1-47 jurisdiction over water development:

1-48 (1) a report of the findings of the study conducted
1-49 under this section; and

1-50 (2) the map developed by the board under Subsection
1-51 (b) of this section.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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