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H.B. No. 1904

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to withdrawals of water from the Edwards Aquifer to supply a military installation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1.15(b), Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Sections 1.17, 1.21, and 1.33 of this article, a person may not withdraw water from the aquifer or begin construction of a well or other works designed for the withdrawal of water from the aquifer without obtaining a permit from the authority.

SECTION 2. Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended by adding Section 1.21 to read as follows:

Sec. 1.21. SUBSTITUTE WITHDRAWALS. In addition to permitted withdrawals from the aquifer, a municipally owned utility owned by the City of San Antonio, without a permit, may withdraw groundwater from the aquifer if:

(1) the utility uses the groundwater to supply a military installation with water for human consumption, irrigation, operations, mission support, or infrastructure maintenance; and

(2) the utility and the military installation enter into a contract requiring the installation to reduce its

1 groundwater withdrawals from the aquifer by the same amount of
2 withdrawn water the installation receives from the utility.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.