

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 81
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1-4 April 4, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 4, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the naming of a reservoir by certain water districts.
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended
1-20 by adding Section 49.239 to read as follows:
1-21 Sec. 49.239. RESERVOIR NAME APPROVAL. (a) Before a
1-22 district may name a reservoir that the district is authorized to
1-23 construct and that the district will own or operate, the district
1-24 must request approval of the name from the commissioners court of
1-25 the county in which the reservoir project site is located.
1-26 (b) If the reservoir project site is located in more than
1-27 one county, the district must request approval of the name from the
1-28 commissioners court of the county in which the reservoir project
1-29 site is principally located. For purposes of this subsection, a
1-30 reservoir project site is principally located in a county if a
1-31 majority of the acreage of the reservoir surface area will be
1-32 located in that county.
1-33 (c) A commissioners court that receives a request from a
1-34 district for the approval of a name for a reservoir under this
1-35 section shall approve or deny the request not later than the 60th
1-36 day after the date the district submits the request. If the
1-37 commissioners court fails to approve or deny the request within the
1-38 period prescribed by this subsection, the request is considered
1-39 approved.
1-40 (d) This section does not prevent a district from soliciting
1-41 input regarding a name for a reservoir from the commissioners court
1-42 of each county in which the reservoir or any part of the reservoir
1-43 will be located.
1-44 SECTION 2. Section 49.239, Water Code, as added by this Act,
1-45 applies to a reservoir project that was authorized to be
1-46 constructed before the effective date of this Act but that is not
1-47 complete on the effective date of this Act and a reservoir project
1-48 that is authorized to be constructed on or after the effective date
1-49 of this Act.
1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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