1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 2052 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2023; March 21, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural 1-2 1-3 Affairs; April 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 17, 2023, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

1-6		COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Perry	Х			
1-9	Hancock	Х			
1-10	Blanco	Х			
1-11	Flores	Х			
1-12	Gutierrez			Х	
1-13	Johnson	Х			
1-14	Kolkhorst	Х			
1-15	Sparks	Х			
1-16	Springer	Х			

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to permit fees for groundwater wells imposed by the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District. 1-20

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 8868.153, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-22 1-23

Sec. 8868.153. PERMIT FEES. (a) The district by rule may impose a reasonable fee on each well that is not exempt from 1-24 1-25 regulation by the district and for which a permit is issued by the 1-26 1-27 1-28 district.

The fee must be based on the amount of water to be (b) 1-29 withdrawn from the well.

1-30 (c) The fee may not exceed seven cents [one cent] per thousand gallons of groundwater withdrawn for any purpose. 1-31

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-32 1-33 1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-35 1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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