

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 2406  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 23, 2023, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural  
 1-4 Affairs; April 17, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
 1-6 April 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2406 By: Flores

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authority of hospitals in certain counties to drill  
 1-22 a water well for the purpose of producing water for use in the event  
 1-23 of an emergency or natural disaster.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 311, Health and Safety  
 1-26 Code, is amended by adding Section 311.005 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 311.005. WATER WELLS FOR USE BY HOSPITALS IN CERTAIN  
 1-28 COUNTIES IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY OR NATURAL DISASTER. (a) This  
 1-29 section applies only to a hospital located in a county that:

1-30 (1) has a population of more than 250,000; and

1-31 (2) borders the Neches River.

1-32 (b) A hospital to which this section applies may drill a  
 1-33 water well on property owned by the hospital for the purpose of  
 1-34 producing water to supplement the hospital's water supply in the  
 1-35 event that an emergency or natural disaster prevents the hospital  
 1-36 from receiving water from the hospital's usual source.

1-37 (c) This section does not affect the authority of a  
 1-38 groundwater conservation district to regulate groundwater  
 1-39 production under Chapter 36, Water Code, or other law governing a  
 1-40 groundwater conservation district.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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