

1-1 By: Johnson S.B. No. 1624
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2025; March 10, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 14, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 April 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Hancock	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Gutierrez	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Johnson	X		
1-16	Kolkhorst	X		
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1624 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to the purposes for which the Texas Water Bank and the
1-22 Texas Water Trust may accept and hold water rights.
1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-24 SECTION 1. Section 15.703(a), Water Code, is amended to
1-25 read as follows:
1-26 (a) The board may take all actions necessary to operate the
1-27 water bank and to facilitate the transfer of water rights from the
1-28 water bank for future beneficial use including but not limited to:
1-29 (1) negotiating a sale price and terms acceptable to
1-30 the depositor and purchaser;
1-31 (2) maintaining a registry of water bank deposits and
1-32 those water users in need of additional supplies;
1-33 (3) informing water users in need of additional supply
1-34 of water rights available in the bank;
1-35 (4) encouraging water right holders to implement water
1-36 conservation practices and deposit the right to use the conserved
1-37 water into the bank;
1-38 (5) establishing requirements for deposit of a water
1-39 right into the water bank including minimum terms for deposit;
1-40 (6) purchasing, holding, and transferring water or
1-41 water rights in its own name;
1-42 (7) establishing regional water banks;
1-43 (8) acting as a clearinghouse for water marketing
1-44 information including water availability, pricing of water
1-45 transactions, environmental considerations, and potential buyers
1-46 and sellers of water rights;
1-47 (9) preparing and publishing a manual on structuring
1-48 water transactions;
1-49 (10) accepting and holding donations of water rights
1-50 to meet conservation needs or environmental needs, including
1-51 instream flow, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, or bay and
1-52 estuary inflow needs;
1-53 (11) entering into contracts with persons to pay for
1-54 feasibility studies or the preparation of plans and specifications
1-55 relating to water conservation efforts or to estimate the amount of
1-56 water that would be saved through conservation efforts; and
1-57 (12) other actions to facilitate water transactions.
1-58 SECTION 2. Section 15.7031(a), Water Code, is amended to
1-59 read as follows:
1-60 (a) The Texas Water Trust is established within the water

2-1 bank to hold water rights dedicated to conservation needs or
2-2 environmental needs, including instream flow [~~flows~~], water
2-3 quality, fish and wildlife habitat, or bay and estuary inflow needs
2-4 [~~inflows~~].

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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