

1-1 By: Creighton (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 2983  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2007;  
1-3 April 27, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Natural Resources; May 16, 2007, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 16, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a petition for the creation of a fresh water supply  
1-9 district.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 53.014, Water Code, is amended to read as  
1-12 follows:

1-13 Sec. 53.014. REQUISITES OF PETITION. To be sufficient, the  
1-14 petition must:

1-15 (1) be signed by a majority of the persons who hold  
1-16 title to land in the proposed district that represents a total value  
1-17 of more than 50 percent of the value of all the land in the proposed  
1-18 district as indicated by the appraisal roll of the appraisal  
1-19 district in which the proposed district is located. If there are  
1-20 more than 50 persons holding title to land in the proposed district,  
1-21 the petition is sufficient if signed by 50 of those persons [~~contain~~  
1-22 ~~the signatures of 50 or a majority of the electors of the proposed~~  
1-23 ~~district who own land in the proposed district~~]; and

1-24 (2) state:

1-25 (A) the boundaries of the proposed district;

1-26 (B) the general nature of the projects proposed

1-27 to be done;

1-28 (C) the necessity for the proposed district;

1-29 (D) the feasibility of the proposed district;

1-30 and

1-31 (E) the proposed name for the district, which  
1-32 must include the name of the county in which it is situated.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 53.014, Water Code, as amended by this  
1-34 Act, does not apply to a petition for the creation of a fresh water  
1-35 supply district presented to the commissioners court of a county  
1-36 before September 1, 2007. A petition presented before September 1,  
1-37 2007, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that  
1-38 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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