

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer by
3 certain entities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1.34, Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended by amending
7 Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and (a-3) to
8 read as follows:

9 (a) In this section, "retail public utility" has the meaning
10 assigned by Chapter 13, Water Code.

11 (a-1) Except as provided by this section, water [water]
12 withdrawn from the aquifer must be used within the boundaries of the
13 authority.

14 (a-2) A retail public utility that is an initial regular
15 permit holder and the service area of which is contained wholly or
16 partly inside the boundaries of the authority may use water
17 withdrawn from the aquifer to provide retail water service in a
18 county adjacent to the boundaries of the authority within the
19 utility's certificated service area.

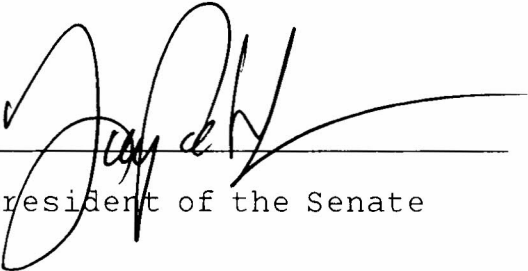
20 (a-3) A municipally owned utility owned by the City of San
21 Antonio may sell not more than 6,000 acre feet of water withdrawn
22 from the aquifer per year at wholesale to a retail public utility or
23 river authority for use in any county adjacent to Bexar County. The
24 municipally owned utility owned by the City of San Antonio must

1 obtain the consent of the Kendall County Commissioners Court for a
2 sale of water under this subsection if:

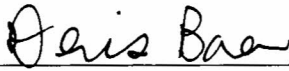
3 (1) the water is sold for use in Kendall County; and

4 (2) the sale would cause the total sales of water under
5 this subsection for use in Kendall County to exceed 1,500 acre feet
6 of water per year.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.



President of the Senate



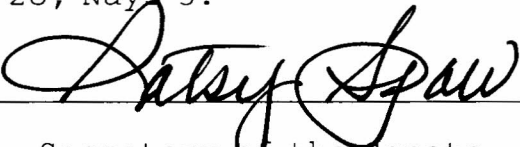
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1806 was passed by the House on April 30, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1806 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.



Secretary of the Senate

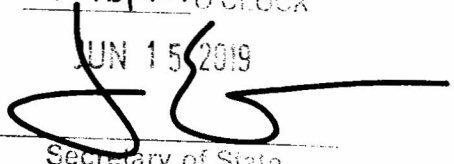
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Governor

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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas
41-3653

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1806 as passed by the Eighty-Sixth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill 1806 would allow the San Antonio Water System to sell water from the Edwards Aquifer to adjacent counties, many of which are outside the regulatory jurisdiction of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, without any input from other permit holders or the governing board of the Edwards Aquifer Authority. The goal of the Edwards Aquifer Act, which was passed by the 73rd Legislature, was to treat all permit holders equally. This bill goes in the opposite direction by elevating the rights of one user above all others. Vetoing this bill maintains the careful balance of water rights within the Edwards Aquifer Authority and ensures that the resources of the aquifer remain protected.

Since the Eighty-Sixth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2019.


GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:



JOE ESPARZA
Deputy Secretary of State

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