

1                                    AN ACT

2    relating to permit requirements for groundwater transfers out of  
3    Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District.

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

5                SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 5, Chapter 1330, Acts of  
6    the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as  
7    follows:

8                (b) The district by rule may require a person to obtain a  
9    permit from the district for the transfer of groundwater out of the  
10   district consistent with Section 36.122, Water Code, and may  
11   regulate the terms on which a permit holder under those rules may  
12   conduct such a transfer. A retail public utility as defined by  
13   Section 13.002, Water Code, is not required to obtain a permit to  
14   transfer groundwater out of the district if:

15                (1) the source of the water is one or more wells  
16   located within the district; and

17                (2) the water is used by the retail public utility to  
18   provide retail water utility service, as defined by Section 13.002,  
19   Water Code, in a service area located in a county adjacent to the  
20   district.

21                SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Swarth  
President of the Senate

Jim Cusick  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1899 passed the Senate on May 13, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Antony Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1899 passed the House on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

20 JUN '03  
Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
9:30 AM O'CLOCK

John Shea  
JUN 20 2003  
Secretary of State