

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 1232  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2015;  
1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs; May 12, 2015, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 12, 2015, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	<u>Perry</u>	X			
1-10	<u>Zaffirini</u>	X			
1-11	<u>Creighton</u>	X			
1-12	<u>Hall</u>	X			
1-13	<u>Hinojosa</u>			X	
1-14	<u>Kolkhorst</u>	X			
1-15	<u>Rodríguez</u>	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of the  
1-19 hydrology and geology of the confined and unconfined aquifers in  
1-20 this state.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall  
1-23 conduct a study of the hydrology and geology of the confined and  
1-24 unconfined aquifers in this state to determine:

1-25 (1) the quality and quantity of groundwater in those  
1-26 aquifers, specifically regarding the salinity of those aquifers;

1-27 (2) whether those aquifers are tributary or  
1-28 non-tributary;

1-29 (3) the contribution of those aquifers to any surface  
1-30 flow of any water in this state; and

1-31 (4) the contribution of those aquifers to any other  
1-32 aquifer in this state.

1-33 (b) In conducting the study, the board shall produce:

1-34 (1) a map that identifies the area and water quality of  
1-35 the confined and unconfined aquifers in this state;

1-36 (2) a map that identifies which aquifers are tributary  
1-37 and which are non-tributary; and

1-38 (3) a report on the contribution of those aquifers to  
1-39 any other aquifer in this state.

1-40 (c) Before conducting the study, the board shall determine  
1-41 the minimum rate at which an aquifer must contribute to another  
1-42 aquifer in this state or to the surface flow of any water in this  
1-43 state in order to be included in the study.

1-44 SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2016, the Texas Water  
1-45 Development Board shall report the results of the study conducted  
1-46 under this Act to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house  
1-47 of representatives, and the standing committees of the senate and  
1-48 the house of representatives that have jurisdiction over natural  
1-49 resources.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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