

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

HB 1689

- Caption: Relating to the use of certain groundwater export fees collected by a groundwater conservation district.
 - Would amend 36.207(b) and add 36.207(c), to allow for funds from export fees to mitigate impacts on wells located outside the district only if the district enters into an interlocal contract under Ch 791, government code, with the other district.
- Author: Gerdes
- Signed By Governor 5/28/2025, Effective 9/1/2025

HB 1690

- Caption: Relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district.
 - Would amend 36.122, by adding subsection (d-1) that would require a district to adopt rules that an export permit notice must be sent by certified mail to the commissioners courts in the district, the surrounding districts, and the commissioners courts in the surrounding districts. The notice must also be posted in a newspaper of general circulation in the district and the surrounding districts.
- Author: Gerdes
- Vetoed By the Governor 6/22/2025

HB 2077

- Caption: Relating to persons eligible to appeal the desired future conditions adopted by a groundwater conservation district.
 - Changes the definition of “affected person” from definition in 36.1082 to definition in 36.3011
- Author: Gerdes
- Never made it out of House

HB 2078

- Caption: Relating to the joint planning of desired future conditions in groundwater management areas.
 - Would amend sec. 36.1071(e), water code, by adding various provisions to require additional explanation in management plan and explanatory report on DFC monitoring, tracking, and achievement. Would amend sec. 36.108, water code, to require districts to adopt DFCs for each five-year period within the 50-year period
- Author: Gerdes
- Signed By Governor 6/20/2025, Effective 9/1/2025

SB 480

- Caption: Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an interlocal contract with certain governmental entities to participate in water research or planning activities.
 - Amends subchapter C, Ch 791, government code, by adding Sec. 791.038 that would allow a local government to contract with another local government, the state, or the federal government to jointly participate in research or planning activities related to water resources.
- Author: Perry
- Signed By Governor 5/28/2025, Effective Immediately