

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Fifty-four groundwater conservation districts have been created within the state since 1951. Forty districts have been confirmed through local elections, seven districts have not held confirmation elections to date, five districts have failed confirmation elections and two districts have been abolished by the legislature. This bill will limit the time within which certain water districts are required to hold confirmation elections.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2563 limits the time within which certain water districts are required to hold confirmation elections.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Provides that an Act creating an underground water conservation district enacted by the 71st, 72nd, or 73rd legislatures is repealed unless the district has been approved at a confirmation election on or before the second anniversary of the effective date of this Act. Provides that the repeal takes effect on that second anniversary.

SECTION 2. Provides that, if an Act creating an underground water conservation district is repealed under this Act, the district has no further authority, except that any debts incurred shall be paid and the organization of the district shall be maintained until all the debts are paid.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.