

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas faces a difficult challenge to develop water policies that serve state and regional interests. The Texas Constitution authorizes the creation of groundwater conservation districts to plan, develop, and regulate the use of water. H.B. 3374 creates the Kenedy Groundwater Conservation District, subject to approval at a confirmation election, to manage groundwater resources in Kenedy County.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 2. CREATION.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE.

SECTION 4. BOUNDARIES.

SECTION 5. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW.

SECTION 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 7. COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 8. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS.

SECTION 9. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: COMMISSIONERS PRECINCTS.

SECTION 10. CONFIRMATION AND INITIAL DIRECTORS' ELECTION.

SECTION 11. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 12. GENERAL POWERS.

SECTION 13. TAX RATE.

SECTION 14. FINDINGS RELATED TO PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION DATE.

(a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Provides that if the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election held under Section 10 of this Act before September 1, 2005, this Act expires on that date.