

## **Item 8 | Groundwater Legislation Filed | 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

The 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session will officially begin January 12, 2021. There are likely to be several bills filed dealing with groundwater. In past legislative sessions, the Board has chosen to create a “position” on any groundwater legislation filed that directly affects the rules or functions of Brazos Valley GCD. The common positions have been “For”, “Against”, and “Neutral”. Developing a “position” gives the General Manager clear direction when speaking with representatives and senators.

Below are the groundwater bills filed to date for board position consideration:

<b>HB 668 by Harris</b>	Referred to HNRC 3-1-21	No position as of 2-11-21
<b>HB 966 by Burns</b>	Referred to HNRC 3-1-21	No position as of 2-11-21
<b>SB 152 by Perry</b>	Referred to SWRAC 3-3-21	No position as of 2-11-21

There are four topics addressed in the bills:

- Attorney’s fee
- Petition for rulemaking
- Administrative completeness
- Notice of permit application or amendment

### **New bills filed for Board consideration**

#### **HB 2652 by Larson**

- Filed 3-2-21 (Identical to SB 1039 by Eckhardt)
- Relating to establishing an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction

#### **SB 1039 by Eckhardt**

- Filed 3-4-21 (Identical to HB 2652 by Larson)
- Relating to establishing an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction

#### **HB 2851 by Lucio III**

- Filed 3-4-21
- Relating to the consideration of modeled sustainable groundwater pumping in the adoption of desired future conditions in groundwater conservation districts