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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
relating to the creation of the Corn Hill Regional Water Authority;
providing authority to issue bonds; granting a limited power of
eminent domain.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Subtitle X, Title 6, Special District Local Laws
Code, is amended by adding Chapter to read as follows:
CHAPTER . CORN HILL REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
Sec001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.
(2) "Director" means a board member.
(3) "District" means the Corn Hill Regional Water
Authority.
Sec002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a
conservation and reclamation district created under Section 59,
Article XVI, Texas Constitution. The district shall have no power
of taxation.
Sec003. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTORS' ELECTION NOT

confirm the creation of the district.

REQUIRED. The district is not required to hold an election to

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Sec. .004. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a)

The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

- (b) All land and other property included in the district will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by the district under powers conferred by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other powers granted under this chapter.
- (c) The district is created to accomplish the control, storage, conservation, preservation, distribution and use of water for domestic, industrial, municipal, and all other useful purposes as provided by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.
- (d) The creation of the district is in the public interest and essential to:
- (1) further the public purposes of developing and diversifying the economy of the state;
 - (2) eliminate unemployment and underemployment;
 - (3) develop or expand commerce; and
 - (4) conserve the natural resources of the state.

(e) The district will:

- (1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors, and consumers in the district, and of the public;
- (2) provide needed funding for the district to preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of the district territory as a community and business center; and
 - (3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment

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of the public.

- Sec. .005. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The district is initially composed of the territory within the boundaries of Sonterra Municipal Utility District, CLL Municipal Utility District No. 1 and the City of Jarrell.
- (b) A mistake made in the field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process does not affect the district's:
 - (1) organization, existence, or validity;
- (2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and interest on a bond; or
 - (3) legality or operation.

[Sections .006- .050 reserved for expansion]
SUBCHAPTER B. MEMBER ENTITIES; BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. .051. MEMBER ENTITIES. The district shall serve as an instrumentality of its "Member Entities." The initial Member Entities shall be Sonterra Municipal Utility District, CLL Municipal Utility District No. 1 and the City of Jarrell, Texas. Additional Member Entities may be added upon petition filed with the district by the entity requested to be added as a Member Entity and approval of the petition by concurrent resolutions or ordinances adopted by the governing bodies of all the Member Entities then existing; provided that any additional Member Entities must be political subdivisions or municipal corporations

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Sec. .052. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of directors to be appointed by the governing bodies of its Member Entities. Each Member Entity shall appoint two directors to serve staggered three year terms commencing September 1, 2011. Each director serves at the pleasure of the governing body of the Member Entity who may remove and re-appoint directors at any time by resolution or ordinance approved by the governing body of the Member Entity.

[Sections .053- .100 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. .101. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the control, storage, conservation, preservation, distribution and use of water for domestic, industrial, municipal, and all other useful purposes as provided by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. .102. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES.

Subject to the specification of the powers of the district as provided in Section .101, the district has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, in order to effect the purposes for which the district is created, including the power to issue bonds, notes and other obligations of the district; provided, however, the district

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shall not have the power to adopt, levy or assess ad valorem taxes.

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SUBCHAPTER D. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Sec. .151. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from revenues of the district water system, including revenues from the district's contracts with its Member Entities or customers, such revenues to include ad valorem taxes levied by Member Entities or district customers, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, hotel occupancy taxes levied by Member Entities or district customers, sales and use taxes levied by Member Entities or district customers, other district money, or any combination of those sources to pay for any authorized district purpose.

[Sections .152- .200 reserved for expansion]

SECTION 2. The Corn Hill Regional Water Authority initially includes all the territory contained within the boundaries of its initial Member Entities. As additional Member Entities are added as provided herein, or as Member Entities' boundaries change, the boundaries of the district shall also change to at all times conform to the boundaries of its Members Entities as those boundaries exist from time to time.

SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a

- (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.
- (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.