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Abstract: Grants the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District board of commissioners the authority to assess fees for capital expenditures.

<u>Present law</u> establishes a Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District and its board of commissioners. <u>Present law</u> grants the board of commissioners the authority to charge users within the district based on the annual rate of use and assessed on the basis of units of water used. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> grants the board additional authority to assess fees against all users within the district for capital expenditures, and allows the board to assess such fees based on annual flows or specific costs for wells to individual users based on capital, debt service, and operation and maintenance costs. Further provides what constitutes costs and other parameters deemed necessary to conserve and protect groundwater resources.

<u>Proposed law</u> grants the board additional authority to assess late fees for failure to pay monthly or quarterly invoices.

(Amends R.S. 38:3076(A)(14))