

STATE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AMENDMENTS

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Evan L. Olsen

AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION;
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION; AND
PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

63-55-274, Utah Code Annotated 1953

73-27-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

73-27-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

73-27-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953

73-27-104, Utah Code Annotated 1953

73-27-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953

This act affects uncodified material as follows:

REPEALS:

Uncodified Chapter 8, Laws of Utah 1999

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **63-55-274** is enacted to read:

63-55-274. Repeal dates -- Title 73.

Title 73, Chapter 27, State Water Development Commission, is repealed December 31, 2003.

Section 2. Section **73-27-101** is enacted to read:

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73-27-101. River districts.

For the purposes of this chapter, the river districts of the state are as follows:

(1) Green River District - Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties;

(2) Upper Colorado River District - Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan Counties;

(3) Lower Colorado River District - Beaver, Eastern Garfield, Iron, Kane, Washington, and Wayne Counties;

(4) Lower Sevier River District - Millard and Sanpete Counties;

(5) Upper Sevier River District - Sevier, Piute, and Western Garfield Counties;

(6) Provo River District - Juab, Utah, and Wasatch Counties;

(7) Salt Lake District - Salt Lake and Tooele Counties;

(8) Weber River District - Davis, Morgan, Summit, and Weber Counties; and

(9) Bear River District - Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties.

Section 3. Section **73-27-102** is enacted to read:

73-27-102. State Water Development Commission created.

(1) The Joint Gubernatorial and Legislative State Water Development Commission is created to determine the state's role in the protection, conservation, and development of the state's water resources.

(2) The commission membership shall include:

(a) four members of the Senate, of whom no more than one shall represent the same river district and no more than two shall be from the same party;

(b) six members of the House of Representatives, of whom no more than two shall represent the same river district and no more than four shall be from the same party;

(c) a representative of the Office of the Governor;

(d) a representative of the Green River District;

(e) a representative of the Upper Colorado River District;

(f) a representative of the Lower Colorado River District;

(g) a representative of the Lower Sevier River District;

(h) a representative of the Upper Sevier River District;

(i) a representative of the Provo River District;

(j) a representative of the Salt Lake District;

(k) a representative of the Weber River District;

(l) a representative of the Bear River District;

- (m) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources;
- (n) the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality;
- (o) the commissioner of agriculture and food;
- (p) a member of the Board of Water Resources;
- (q) a representative of an organized environmental group; and
- (r) a representative of agricultural production.

(3) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House shall appoint the commission members from the Senate and the House, respectively. The governor shall appoint the other commission members.

(4) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House shall designate one senator and one representative, respectively, as cochair.

(5) Attendance of a majority of the members at a meeting constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business of the commission.

Section 4. Section **73-27-103** is enacted to read:

73-27-103. Duties of commission.

The commission shall consider and make recommendations to the Legislature and governor on the following issues:

- (1) how the water needs of the state's growing municipal and industrial sectors will be met;
- (2) what the impact of federal regulations and legislation will be on the ability of the state to manage and develop its compacted water rights;
- (3) how the state will fund water projects;
- (4) whether the state should become an owner and operator of water projects;
- (5) how the state will encourage the implementation of water conservation programs; and
- (6) other water issues of statewide importance.

Section 5. Section **73-27-104** is enacted to read:

73-27-104. Compensation and expenses of commission members.

Legislators on the commission shall receive compensation and expenses as provided in Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03. Commission members who are employees of the state shall

receive no additional compensation. Other commission members shall receive no compensation or expenses for their service on the commission.

Section 6. Section **73-27-105** is enacted to read:

73-27-105. Staffing.

The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide the commission with the necessary staff assistance.

Section 7. **Repealer.**

This act repeals:

Uncodified Chapter 8, Laws of Utah 1999, Reauthorization of State Water Development Commission.