

1 **STATE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2000 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Evan L. Olsen**

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

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

10 ENACTS:

11 **63-55-274**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

12 **73-27-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13 **73-27-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

14 **73-27-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

15 **73-27-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

16 **73-27-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

17 This act affects uncodified material as follows:

18 REPEALS:

19 **Uncodified Chapter 8, Laws of Utah 1999**

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

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

22 **63-55-274. Repeal dates -- Title 73.**

23 Title 73, Chapter 27, State Water Development Commission is repealed December 31,

24 2003.

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

26 **CHAPTER 27. STATE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

27 **73-27-101. River districts.**

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

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

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

31 (3) Lower Colorado River District - Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Washington

32 Counties;

33 (4) Sevier River District - Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, and Wayne Counties;

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

35 (6) Salt Lake District - Salt Lake and Tooele Counties;

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

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

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

39 **73-27-102. State Water Development Commission created.**

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

43 (2) The commission membership shall include:

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

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

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

49 (d) a representative of the Green River District;

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

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

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

53 (h) a representative of the Provo River District;

54 (i) a representative of the Salt Lake District;

55 (j) a representative of the Weber River District;

56 (k) a representative of the Bear River District;

57 (l) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources;

58 (m) the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality;

59 (n) the commissioner of agriculture and food;

60 (o) a member of the Board of Water Resources;

61 (p) a representative of an organized environmental group; and

62 (q) a representative of agricultural production.

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

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

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

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

71 **73-27-103. Duties of commission.**

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

74 (1) how the water needs of the state's growing municipal and industrial sectors will be met;

75 (2) what the impact of federal regulations and legislation will be on the ability of the state
76 to manage and develop its compacted water rights;

77 (3) how the state will fund water projects;

78 (4) whether the state should become an owner and operator of water projects;

79 (5) how the state will encourage the implementation of water conservation programs; and

80 (6) other water issues of statewide importance.

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

82 **73-27-104. Compensation and expenses of commission members.**

83 Legislators on the commission shall receive compensation and expenses as provided in
84 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03. Commission members who are employees of the
85 state shall receive no additional compensation. Other commission members shall receive no
86 compensation or expenses for their service on the commission.

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

88 **73-27-105. Staffing.**

89 The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide the commission with

90 the necessary staff assistance.

91 Section 7. **Repealer.**

92 This act repeals:

93 **Uncodified Chapter 8, Laws of Utah 1999, Reauthorization of State Water**

94 **Development Commission.**

Legislative Review Note

as of 1-3-00 2:49 PM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel