

Representative Logan Wilde proposes the following substitute bill:

WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Logan Wilde

Senate Sponsor: D. Gregg Buxton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions in regard to assigning water rights by a written instrument.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ states that a right claimed under an application for the appropriation of water may be assigned by a form provided by the state engineer's office;

▶ provides that, beginning July 1, 2017, the state engineer shall consider an assignment that is recorded and forwarded to the state engineer by a county recorder as a submitted report of water right conveyance; and

▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

73-3-18, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 369



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

27 Section 1. Section 73-3-18 is amended to read:

28 **73-3-18. Lapse of application -- Notice -- Reinstatement -- Priorities --**
29 **Assignment of application -- Filing and recording -- Constructive notice -- Effect of**
30 **failure to record.**

31 (1) If an application lapses for failure of the applicant to comply with a provision of
32 this title or an order of the state engineer, the state engineer shall promptly give notice of the
33 lapse to the applicant by regular mail.

34 (2) Within 60 days after notice of a lapse described in Subsection (1), the state engineer
35 may, upon a showing of reasonable cause, reinstate the application with the date of priority
36 changed to the date of reinstatement.

37 (3) The original priority date of a lapsed application may not be reinstated, except upon
38 a showing of fraud or mistake of the state engineer.

39 (4) Except as provided in Section 73-3-5.6, Section 73-3-12, Section 73-3-20, or
40 Subsection (2), the priority of an application is determined by the day on which the state
41 engineer's office receives the written application.

42 (5) Before the state engineer issues a certificate of appropriation, a right claimed under
43 an application for the appropriation of water may be [~~transferred or assigned by a written~~
44 ~~instrument~~] assigned by a form provided by the state engineer's office.

45 (6) (a) [~~An instrument transferring or~~] The form assigning a right described in
46 Subsection (5) shall be recorded in the office of the applicable county recorder to provide
47 notice of the [~~instrument's~~] form's contents.

48 (b) Beginning July 1, 2017, the state engineer shall consider an assignment as
49 described in Subsection (5) that is recorded and forwarded to the state engineer by a county
50 recorder, in accordance with Section 57-3-109, as a submitted report of water right conveyance
51 for purposes of fulfilling Subsection 73-1-10(3)(a).

52 (7) An instrument described in Subsection (6) that is not recorded as described in
53 Subsection (6) is void against any subsequent assignee in good faith and for valuable
54 consideration of the same application or any portion of the same application, if the subsequent
55 assignee's own assignment is recorded as described in Subsection (6) first.