



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4153

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WATER PLANNING COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (a) There is established a Water Planning Council to
2 convene a task force composed of representatives of water companies,
3 municipalities, agricultural groups, environmental groups, and other
4 water users and to make recommendations based on the information
5 provided by the task force, as provided in subsection (d) of this
6 section, to the General Assembly concerning issues involving the
7 state's water companies, water resources and state policies regarding
8 the future of the state's drinking water supply.

9 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
11 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
12 relating to energy and technology, or their designees;

13 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
14 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15 relating to the environment, or their designees;

16 (3) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
18 relating to public health, or their designees;

19 (4) The chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority, or the
20 chairperson's designee;

21 (5) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
22 commissioner's designee;

23 (6) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
24 secretary's designee;

25 (7) The Consumer Counsel, or the Consumer Counsel's designee;

26 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
27 designee; and

28 (9) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's
29 designee.

30 (c) All appointments to the council shall be made no later than thirty
31 days after the effective date of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled by
32 the appointing authority.

33 (d) The task force appointed by the council shall study issues
34 including, but not limited to, the financial viability, market structure,
35 reliability of customer service and managerial competence of water
36 companies, fair and reasonable rates, protection and appropriate
37 allocation of the state's water resources, the adequacy and quality of
38 the state's drinking water and land use by the water companies.

39 (e) Based on the information provided to the council, the council
40 shall, not later than January 1, 2004, report its findings and any
41 proposed legislative changes to the joint standing committees of the
42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
43 health, the environment, and public utilities in accordance with section

44 11-4a of the general statutes. The council shall terminate on the date
45 that it submits its final report or January 1, 2004, whichever is earlier.

46 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To study issues involving the state's water companies, water resources and state policies regarding the future of the state's drinking water supply.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]