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**Raised Bill No. 481**

LCO No. 2147

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT  
WATER AUTHORITY AND THE WATER PLANNING COUNCIL.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4 of number 381 of the special  
2 acts of 1967, as amended by section 1 of number 206 of the special acts  
3 of 1969, is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) The representative advisory board to the Southeastern  
5 Connecticut Water Authority shall consist of two electors from each  
6 town within the district who shall be appointed by the board of  
7 selectmen or town council, as the case may be, on September 1, 1969,  
8 and whose successors shall be so appointed on or before September  
9 first biennially thereafter. One of such members of the advisory board  
10 from each town shall be appointed by the members of the board of  
11 selectmen or town council, as the case may be, of the political party  
12 having the greatest representation on such board or council and the  
13 other member of said advisory board shall be appointed by the  
14 members of the board of selectmen or town council of the political  
15 party having the next greatest representation. Nothing in this  
16 subsection shall be construed to prohibit any member of the

17 Southeastern Connecticut Regional Council of Governments from  
18 serving as a member of the representative advisory board. Members  
19 shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are  
20 appointed and have qualified and shall serve without compensation.  
21 They shall elect a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary and  
22 establish such bylaws as they deem necessary.

23 Sec. 2. Section 5 of number 381 of the special acts of 1967 is amended  
24 to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

25 A corporation known as the "Southeastern Connecticut Water  
26 Authority" is created for the purposes, charged with the duties and  
27 granted the powers provided in this act. The authority shall be a body  
28 corporate and politic. The authority shall consist of [~~five~~] seven  
29 members who shall not be members of the advisory board, all of  
30 whom shall be residents of the district. [~~and who~~] Five members shall  
31 be appointed directly by a majority of those members of the  
32 representative advisory board present at a meeting at which two-thirds  
33 of the membership of said advisory board are present, [~~for terms of~~  
34 five years and until their successors are appointed and have qualified,  
35 except that of the] in person or by proxy. The remaining two members  
36 shall be appointed by the representative advisory board, subject to the  
37 conditions described in this section, from a slate of no fewer than three  
38 nominees provided by the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Council  
39 of Governments. The term of appointment shall be five years and until  
40 their successors are appointed except that of the five members first  
41 appointed one shall be appointed for a term of five years, one for a  
42 term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two  
43 years and one for a term of one year and the two members selected  
44 from nominees provided by the Southeastern Connecticut Regional  
45 Council of Governments shall be appointed for terms of four and three  
46 years, respectively. Not more than [~~three~~] four members of the  
47 authority shall be members of the same political party. Vacancies on  
48 the authority shall be filled by appointments by the advisory board for  
49 the unexpired terms, including the replacement of members

50 nominated by the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Council of  
51 Governments by selecting and appointing new members from a slate  
52 of nominees provided by the Southeastern Connecticut Regional  
53 Council of Governments. Members of the authority may be removed  
54 from office by the advisory board for cause. Members of the authority  
55 shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be fixed by  
56 the advisory board and shall be reimbursed for their necessary  
57 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Nothing in this  
58 section shall be construed to prohibit any member of the Southeastern  
59 Connecticut Regional Council of Governments from serving as a  
60 member of the authority.

61 Sec. 3. Section 18 of number 381 of the special acts of 1967 is  
62 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

63 (a) The authority, subject to any limitation on the amount of  
64 revenues available to be expended for such purposes, and subject to  
65 engineering and financial feasibility studies, shall plan, operate and  
66 maintain a water supply system and, where necessary, construct water  
67 supply systems for the Southeastern Connecticut Planning Region. In  
68 no event is this act to be construed as requiring the authority to  
69 construct a water supply system in any area where expected revenues  
70 would not meet the expected expenditure for construction and  
71 operation of such a water supply system, provided, on the written  
72 request of the city council of the city of Groton, for the provision of  
73 water, said authority shall immediately proceed to establish a source of  
74 water supply for said city which will provide not less than four million  
75 gallons of water per day and shall connect such source to the water  
76 supply system of said city, the cost of such establishment and  
77 connection to be borne by said authority.

78 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section  
79 or any other provision of any special act or general statute, the  
80 authority shall, not later than July 1, 2003, either (1) amend or revise  
81 such authority's last water supply plan for the Southeastern

82 Connecticut Planning Region, or (2) adopt a new water supply plan for  
83 the Southeastern Connecticut Planning Region. The cost of such  
84 amendment, revision or adoption shall not exceed one hundred fifty  
85 thousand dollars. In the amendment, revision or adoption of any such  
86 plan pursuant to this subsection, the authority shall consider the  
87 engineering and cost benefit analysis regarding the potential to more  
88 fully interconnect and integrate the Southeastern Connecticut Planning  
89 Region water supply system conducted by the water planning council  
90 established pursuant to public act 01-177, as amended by this act.

91 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of public act 01-177 is repealed and the  
92 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

93 (c) The council shall, not later than January 1, 2002, and annually  
94 thereafter, report its preliminary findings and any proposed legislative  
95 changes to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
96 having cognizance of matters relating to public health, the  
97 environment and public utilities in accordance with section 11-4a. [The  
98 council shall, not later than January 1, 2003, report its final findings  
99 and any proposed legislative changes to the joint standing committees  
100 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
101 public health, the environment and public utilities in accordance with  
102 section 11-4a. The council shall terminate on the date that it submits its  
103 final report or January 1, 2003, whichever is earlier.]

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>

**ET**      **Joint Favorable**