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CHAPTER 207

HOUSE BILL 2191

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE VIABILITY OF SMALL WATER SYSTEMS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Joint legislative study committee on the viability of small water systems

A. The joint legislative study committee on the viability of small water systems is established consisting of the following members:

1. Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than two of whom are from the same political party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one of the members to serve as cochair.

2. Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, not more than two of whom are from the same political party. The president of the senate shall appoint one of the members to serve as cochair.

3. The director of the department of environmental quality.

4. The director of the department of water resources.

5. A commissioner of the Arizona corporation commission selected by the chairman of the commission.

6. The general manager of the central Arizona water conservation district.

7. Four owners or operators of small water systems, each representing a different geographical region of the state. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two of the owners or operators and the president of the senate shall appoint two of the owners or operators.

1 8. Three members of the general public who are customers of small
2 water systems. One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
3 representatives, one member shall be appointed by the president of the senate
4 and one member appointed jointly by the speaker of the house of
5 representatives and the president of the senate.

6 B. Members appointed pursuant to subsection A, paragraphs 7 and 8 of
7 this section are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38,
8 chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

9 C. The committee shall study, review and make recommendations on the
10 following items:

11 1. The ability of small water systems to comply with and finance water
12 quality testing requirements and recover all of those costs in rate hearings.

13 2. The ability of small water systems to comply with state water
14 policy relative to groundwater versus surface water usage and recover all of
15 those costs in rate hearings.

16 3. The ability of small water systems to comply with state statutes
17 relative to water conservation and recover all of those costs in rate
18 hearings.

19 4. The feasibility of establishing a mechanism to provide for state
20 coordinated water quality testing.

21 5. Monitoring developments at the national level regarding the
22 reauthorization of the safe drinking water act and the potential impacts in
23 Arizona.

24 6. Development of an adequately financed program to assist small water
25 systems in meeting regulatory requirements.

26 7. Review of current state legislation and regulations.

27 8. The appropriate level of regulation of drinking water systems
28 located on, and owned by agricultural enterprises, that are used for domestic
29 purposes and have more than fifteen service connections or serve more than
30 twenty-five persons.

31 D. The committee shall hold meetings in different geographical regions
32 of the state to solicit testimony from both providers and customers.

33 E. The committee shall report its findings to the speaker of the house
34 of representatives and the president of the senate by December 31, 1996.

35 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

36 This act is repealed from and after December 31, 1996.

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