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KEN BENNETT
SECRETARY OF STATE

HOUSE BILL 2363

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON MACRO-HARVESTED WATER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Joint legislative study committee; macro-harvested
3 water; membership; duties; reports; delayed repeal

4 A. The joint legislative study committee on macro-harvested water is
5 established consisting of:

6 1. Three members of the senate who are appointed by the president of
7 the senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same political
8 party.

9 2. Three members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
10 the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than two of whom are
11 members of the same political party.

12 3. The director of the department of water resources or the director's
13 designee.

14 4. The state land commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

15 5. The director of the department of environmental quality or the
16 director's designee.

17 6. One representative of each of the following, appointed jointly by
18 the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives:

19 (a) An agricultural improvement district.

20 (b) A multi-county water conservation district.

21 (c) A city with a population of more than one million persons.

22 (d) A city with a population of more than five hundred thousand
23 persons in a county with a population of more than eight hundred thousand
24 persons but less than one million persons.

25 (e) A city or town with a population of less than five hundred fifty
26 thousand persons in a county with a population of more than one million
27 persons.

28 (f) A city or town with a population of more than thirty-eight
29 thousand persons in a county with a population of more than two hundred ten
30 thousand but less than two hundred twenty-five thousand persons.

31 (g) A city or town other than those described in subdivision (c), (d),
32 (e) or (f) of this paragraph.

33 (h) An association of publicly owned water providers in a county with
34 a population of more than one million five hundred thousand persons.

35 (i) An association of municipal water users in a county with more than
36 nine hundred eighty thousand persons but less than one million five hundred
37 thousand persons.

38 (j) An association of municipal water users in a rural area in this
39 state.

40 (k) Agricultural water users.

41 (l) Persons who have specific knowledge, interest or experience in
42 groundwater or surface water hydrology.

43 (m) Persons who have specific knowledge, interest or experience in
44 groundwater or surface water quality.

1 (n) Attorneys who have specific knowledge or experience in watershed
2 adjudication.

3 (o) Indian tribes, nations, communities and bands in this state.

4 (p) Industrial water users.

5 (q) Environmental interests.

6 (r) An association of county supervisors.

7 (s) Irrigation districts.

8 (t) The livestock industry.

9 B. Members of the committee are not eligible for compensation or
10 reimbursement of expenses. The legislature shall provide staff support and
11 meeting facilities for the committee.

12 C. The committee shall:

13 1. Propose a definition of macro-harvested water for inclusion in the
14 final report required by paragraph 5 of this subsection.

15 2. Study, analyze and evaluate issues arising from the collection and
16 recovery of macro-harvested water, including reviewing scientific data on
17 surface water, rainwater harvesting, methodology costs and benefits,
18 potential impacts on water rights, downstream users, and potential aquifer
19 management issues and groundwater management issues.

20 3. Review relevant administrative rules and guidelines adopted by the
21 department of water resources for water recharge in active management areas.

22 4. Submit a status report of findings on or before December 15, 2012
23 to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
24 representatives and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

25 5. Submit a final report of findings and recommendations, including
26 proposed legislation on or before September 30, 2013 to the governor, the
27 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and
28 provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

29 D. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2014.

30 Sec. 2. Emergency

31 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
32 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
33 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 27, 2012.

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Passed the House February 27, 2012

Passed the Senate March 22, 2012

by the following vote: 53 Ayes,

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 6 Not Voting
1 vacant w/emergency

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting
With Emergency

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

26 day of March, 2012

at 3:30 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 27th day of

March

at 3:24 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 27th day of March, 2012

at 5:12 o'clock 2 M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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