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HOUSE BILL 2593

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON WATER SALINITY ISSUES.

(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 on water salinity
3 issues; membership; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The joint legislative study committee on water salinity issues is
5 established consisting of the following members:

6 1. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
7 the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom is a member of the
8 majority party and the other of whom is a member of the minority party.

9 2. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the
10 senate, one of whom is a member of the majority party and the other of whom
11 is a member of the minority party.

12 3. One person who is an elected municipal official and who is
13 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

14 4. One person who represents the agricultural industry and who is
15 appointed by the president of the senate.

16 5. One person who represents the golf industry and who is appointed by
17 the speaker of the house of representatives.

18 6. One person who represents the hotel, motel and resort industry and
19 who is appointed by the president of the senate.

20 7. One person who represents the homebuilding industry and who is
21 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

22 8. One person who represents an association of office and industrial
23 properties and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

24 9. One person who represents a city owned wastewater department and
25 who is appointed by the president of the senate.

26 10. One person who represents a city owned water provider and who is
27 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

28 11. One person who is an attorney with experience in water law and who
29 is appointed by the president of the senate.

30 12. One person who represents a public service corporation in the
31 business of electric generation and who is appointed by the speaker of the
32 house of representatives.

33 13. Two persons who represent a regulated public service corporation
34 that provides water, one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the house of
35 representatives and one of whom is appointed by the president of the senate.

36 14. Two persons who represent manufacturers and retail dealers of ion
37 exchange water softeners, one of whom is appointed by the president of the
38 senate and one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the house of
39 representatives.

40 15. One person who represents a nonprofit association that focuses on
41 water and wastewater and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

42 16. One person who represents a nonprofit association that focuses on
43 the salt industry and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

44 17. The director of the department of environmental quality or the
45 director's designee.

- 1 18. The director of the department of water resources or the director's
2 designee.
- 3 19. The chairman of the Arizona corporation commission or the
4 chairman's designee.
- 5 20. The director of the water infrastructure finance authority of
6 Arizona or the director's designee.
- 7 21. As nonvoting members:
- 8 (a) One person who represents the United States environmental
9 protection agency.
- 10 (b) One person who represents the United States bureau of reclamation.
- 11 B. The committee shall meet and consider the following issues:
- 12 1. Water salinity issues related to water softener usage in the United
13 States, other countries and this state.
- 14 2. The relationship between water salinity issues and possible effects
15 on water conservation, groundwater quality, and the quality impacts on water
16 reclamation facilities and operations, and nature of water and reclaimed
17 water and its use on golf courses and other uses, and the potential effects
18 on tourism as they relate to high usage of water softeners in Arizona.
- 19 3. The financial impact and necessity of water and wastewater
20 treatment to address salinity levels and the potential costs for treatment
21 methods and facilities.
- 22 4. An examination of sources of excess salinity caused by high water
23 softener usage and possible responses.
- 24 C. The committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson and
25 vice-chairperson and shall meet as designated by the chairperson. The
26 committee may divide itself into subcommittees to consider issues as
27 determined by the chairperson. Members of the committee are not eligible for
28 compensation or reimbursement of expenses except as otherwise provided by
29 law. The committee shall make a report on its findings, including
30 recommendations on any further action if appropriate and shall submit that
31 report to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the
32 house of representatives no later than December 31, 2011 and shall provide a
33 copy of its report to the secretary of state.
- 34 D. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2012.