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P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 421, *approved January 19, 1998*  
Assembly, No. 1535 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT appropriating moneys from the "Water Conservation Bond  
2 Act," P.L.1969, c.127, for the acquisition of lands <sup>1</sup>or interests  
3 therein<sup>1</sup> in the Highlands area for the purpose of augmenting,  
4 increasing, improving, preserving, protecting, or conserving natural  
5 water resources and supplies important to New Jersey and  
6 facilitating recreational uses incidental thereto.

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8 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
9 *of New Jersey:*

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11 1. There is appropriated from the "Water Conservation Fund"  
12 established pursuant to section 13 of the "Water Conservation Bond  
13 Act," P.L.1969, c.127, to the Department of Environmental Protection  
14 <sup>1</sup>[, for distribution to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the  
15 North Jersey District Water Supply Commission acting in a  
16 cooperative partnership with each other,]<sup>1</sup> the sum of <sup>1</sup>[\$6,400,000]  
17 \$2,300,000<sup>1</sup> for the acquisition of lands <sup>1</sup>or interests therein<sup>1</sup> in the  
18 Highlands area of New Jersey <sup>1</sup>by the department, in consultation with  
19 the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the North Jersey District  
20 Water Supply Commission<sup>1</sup>, for the purpose of augmenting,  
21 increasing, improving, preserving, protecting, or conserving natural  
22 water resources and supplies important to New Jersey and facilitating  
23 recreational uses incidental thereto <sup>2</sup>, except that no amount of this  
24 appropriation shall be expended for the acquisition of lands, or  
25 interests therein, located in Sussex County or for the acquisition of  
26 lands, or interests therein, from a seller other than a willing seller<sup>2</sup>.

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28 2. To the extent that the balance of the moneys available in the  
29 "Water Conservation Fund" that have not been previously  
30 appropriated pursuant to law is insufficient to support the <sup>1</sup>[sums]

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AES committee amendments adopted May 20, 1996.

<sup>2</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 11, 1997.

1 sum<sup>1</sup> appropriated pursuant to section 1 of this act, the following shall  
2 be made available from the "Water Conservation Fund" to support the  
3 remainder of the appropriation made in that section as required:

4 a. moneys returned to the "Water Conservation Fund" due to  
5 project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings involving projects  
6 previously funded by law; and

7 b. moneys previously appropriated pursuant to law from the  
8 "Water Conservation Fund" to fund projects but for which no such  
9 moneys have been expended, other than for administrative or program  
10 purposes, in the five-year period immediately prior to the date of  
11 enactment of this act, or to fund projects deemed by the Department  
12 of Environmental Protection as of the date of enactment of this act to  
13 be otherwise no longer active, the previous appropriation of which is  
14 canceled subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight  
15 Committee or its successor, except that this subsection shall not apply  
16 to moneys appropriated pursuant to P.L.1995, c.7.

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18 3. The expenditure of the <sup>1</sup>[sums] sum<sup>1</sup> appropriated from the  
19 "Water Conservation Fund" pursuant to section 1 of this act is subject  
20 to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1969, c.127, as amended by  
21 section 26 of P.L.1979, c.86, and as amended and supplemented by  
22 P.L.1981, c.233.

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24 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 Appropriates \$2.3 million from 1969 "Water Conservation Bond Act"  
to acquire lands or interests therein in Highlands area.