

SENATE, No. 377

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator McNAMARA

1 AN ACT appropriating moneys from the "Water Supply Fund" for
2 State projects, as recommended by the New Jersey Statewide Water
3 Supply Plan.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
9 Protection from the "Water Supply Fund," created by section 14 of the
10 "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981" (P.L.1981, c.261), as amended by
11 P.L.1983, c.355, the sum of \$400,000.00 for a regional water supply
12 management study of the Passaic River basin, as recommended by the
13 New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan. The purpose of this study
14 is to determine:

15 a. How much additional safe yield of water supply and savings in
16 energy costs to the major purveyors in the Passaic River basin may be
17 obtained by an integrated operation of the reservoirs and pumping
18 stations of the different water supply systems in the basin;

19 b. What type of regional management is necessary to assure
20 optimum results;

21 c. What financial arrangements are appropriate to equitably adjust
22 the relative advantages and disadvantages of the different water supply
23 systems; and

24 d. What are the projected costs of operating a regional
25 management system.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill would appropriate \$400,000.00 to the Department of
33 Environmental Protection from the "Water Supply Fund" created by
34 the "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981" (P.L.1981, c.261), as amended
35 by P.L.1983, c.355, for a regional water supply management study of

1 the Passaic River basin. The study would determine (1) how much
2 additional safe yield of water supply and savings in energy costs to the
3 major purveyors in the Passaic River basin may be obtained by an
4 integrated operation of the reservoirs and pumping stations of the
5 different water supply systems in the basin; (2) what type of regional
6 management is necessary to assure optimum results; (3) what financial
7 arrangements are appropriate to equitably adjust the relative
8 advantages and disadvantages of the different water supply systems;
9 and (4) what are the projected costs of operating a regional
10 management system. The use of these moneys is consistent with the
11 recommendations of the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan.

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16 Appropriates \$400,000 from "Water Supply Fund" for water supply
17 study of Passaic River basin.