

CHAPTER 108
FORMERLY
HOUSE BILL NO. 183
AS AMENDED BY
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of this State that clean and plentiful water supplies are the basis for a prosperous domestic, industrial, commercial, agricultural, and tourism economy in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, depending on the variability of weather and the climate, Delaware's water supplies may be impacted by droughts of the levels experienced in 1995, 1999, and 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Water Supply Coordinating Council ("WSCC") is charged with performing water supply planning and management to ensure surplus water supplies to meet peak demands during the drought of record in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties; and

WHEREAS, the water purveyors on the WSCC have implemented over 2 billion gallons of water supply storage projects in northern New Castle County since the drought of 1999 and completed water supply planning for southern New Castle County to 2030; and

WHEREAS, the WSCC is responsible for recommending funding and completing water supply planning and management projects including exploration of groundwater reserves to carry out its mission; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated, equitable, and sustainable source of revenue is needed to fund water supply planning and management projects to ensure surplus water supplies to meet future demand; and

WHEREAS, the WSCC is due to sunset on January 1, 2016, and should be reauthorized to January 1, 2022, to prepare and implement water supply plans in Kent and Sussex Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 1308, Title 26 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1308. Length of service for the Water Supply Coordinating Council.

The designation of the Water Supply Coordinating Council, and the duties and responsibilities conferred by this section shall end on ~~January 1~~ January 31, 2016 ~~2016~~ 2022.

Approved July 15, 2015