



SPONSOR: Rep. Mulrooney

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

140th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 2

TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 549

1 AMEND House Bill No. 549 by striking lines 40 through 41, lines 83 through 84 and line 94.

2 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 549 by striking lines 70 through 80, and substituting in lieu thereof
3 the following language:

4 “(b) The primary duty of the Council shall be to work cooperatively with the Temporary Water
5 Coordinator for New Castle County (established pursuant to § 1305 of this Title) to implement short-term
6 water supply enhancement projects. Additional duties of the Council shall include, but not be limited to the
7 following:

8 (1) To provide technical input in conducting hydraulic field tests and/or modeling to optimize
9 and expand the intra-county interconnections to convey water from suppliers with excess capacity to
10 suppliers in need of additional water to meet peak demands;

11 (2) To work with water utilities to develop cooperative cost and capacity agreements for the
12 purchase of water supplies during drought;

13 (3) To provide technical input to the recently authorized U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
14 Groundwater Availability Study for northern New Castle County;

15 (4) To review the issue of interconnecting water supply sources in northern and southern New
16 Castle County.”

17 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 549 by adding a new Section 4 to read as follows:

18 “Section 4. Amend Chapter 13, Title 26 of the Delaware Code by adding a new section § 1308 to
19 read as follows:

20 ‘§ 1308. Length of Service for Temporary Water Coordinator and Water Supply Coordinating
21 Council.

22 The designation of the WRA as the Temporary Water Coordinator for New Castle County, the
23 designation of the Water Supply Coordinating Council and the duties and responsibilities conferred upon
24 each by this section shall be subject to annual reauthorization by the General Assembly beginning no later
25 than June 30, 2001. Such reauthorization shall be for a period not to exceed one year, and shall be based on
26 the need for continued review of ongoing water supply enhancement projects in northern New Castle
27 County.’ ”

28 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 549 by adding a new Section 5 to read as follows:

29 “Section 5. This act shall become effective upon enactment.”

SYNOPSIS

This amendment makes several changes to House Bill No. 549.

First, it clarifies that the primary responsibility of the Water Supply Coordinating Council is to work cooperatively with the Temporary Water Coordinator to implement critical short-term water supply enhancement projects identified subsequent to the Drought of 1999 by the Governor's Water Task Force.

Also, this amendment establishes a system of annual reauthorization of the duties and responsibilities for the Temporary Water Coordinator and Water Supply Coordinating Council.