

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2033

5 By: Representative M. Burris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE ON WATER QUALITY;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO CREATE A TASK FORCE ON WATER QUALITY.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE – DO NOT CODIFY.

19 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Water Quality is
20 established to:

21 (1) Identify the various systems that exist in this state that
22 provide drinking water for public consumption;

23 (2) Review the laws that apply to the systems in this state that
24 provide drinking water for public consumption;

25 (3) Review standards from other jurisdictions to ensure the
26 quality and safety of drinking water for public consumption;

27 (4) Assess this state's facilities for ensuring the quality and
28 safety of drinking water for public consumption; and

29 (5) Develop recommendations to improve the quality and safety of
30 drinking water in this state for public consumption.

31 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

32 (1) A board member of a regional water distribution system who
33 is appointed by the Governor;

34 (2) A member of a commission that operates a waterworks and
35 distributing system owned by a city of the first class, city of the second
36 class, or incorporated town who is appointed by the Governor;



1 (3) A member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate;

3 (4) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5 (5) A person appointed by the Attorney General;

6 (6) A person appointed by the Arkansas Municipal League;

7 (7) A person appointed by the Arkansas Department of
8 Environmental Quality;

9 (8) A person appointed by the Department of Rural Services;

10 (9) A person appointed by the Arkansas Natural Resources
11 Commission;

12 (10) A person appointed by the State Board of Health;

13 (11) A person appointed by the Association of Arkansas Counties;

14 (12) A water system operator appointed by the Drinking Water
15 Advisory and Operator Licensing Committee; and

16 (13) A person from each congressional district appointed by the
17 Governor.

18 (c)(1) The members of the House of Representatives and the Senate
19 appointed to the task force under subsection (b) of this section shall serve
20 as cochairs of the task force.

21 (2) The task force shall meet at least one (1) time every three
22 (3) months but may meet more often at the call of the cochairs.

23 (3) The task force shall meet at the State Capitol.

24 (d) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled
25 by the same process as the original appointment made under subsection (b) of
26 this section.

27 (e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting
28 its business.

29 (f) A legislative member of the task force is entitled to receive
30 reimbursement for expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same
31 source as provided by law for a member of the General Assembly who attends a
32 meeting of an interim committee.

33 (g) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum
34 for transacting the business of the task force.

35 (h) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the
36 task force.

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(i) The task force terminates on December 31, 2010.

(j) On November 1, 2010, the task force shall deliver a report containing the conclusions of the task force and any recommended revisions or additions to the state's laws concerning the quality and safety of drinking water for public consumption to the Cochairs of the Legislative Council.

/s/ M. Burris