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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "Commission" means the Water Resources Commission;

(b) "water resources" includes water storage, drainage and irrigation and any other matters incidental to the management of water resources.

Commission established

2 There is hereby established a commission called the Water Resources Commission.

Membership

3(1) The Water Resources Commission shall consist of the following members:

(a) 2 members of the Legislative Assembly appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

(b) 3 persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council who are representative of the public at large;

(c) the Assistant Deputy Minister of Water Resources Management Services of the Department of the Environment;

(d) the Assistant Deputy Minister of Planning and Services of the Department of Economic Development;

(e) the Assistant Deputy Minister of Improvement Districts Operations of the Department of Municipal Affairs;

(f) the Assistant Deputy Minister of Research and Resource Development of the Department of Agriculture.

(2) Members of the Commission referred to in subsection (1)(a) or (b)

(a) shall be paid remuneration at the rates prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and

(b) shall be paid their reasonable travelling and living expenses while absent from their ordinary places of residence and in the course of their duties as members of the Commission.

Chairman

4(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one member referred to in section 3(1)(a) to be chairman of the Commission.

(2) In the absence of the chairman from a meeting of the Commission, the members present shall appoint an acting chairman who shall act as and has all the powers of the chairman during the meeting.

Employees and advisors

5(1) In accordance with the *Public Service Act* there may be appointed an executive director and any other employees required for the purpose of conducting the business and affairs of the Commission.

(2) The Commission may engage the services of persons having special technical or other knowledge in connection with an inquiry into any matter pertaining to water resources that the Commission has undertaken or proposes to undertake.

Functions of the Commission

6(1) The functions of the Commission are

(a) to assess and review long-term water resources planning by the Government of Alberta in relation to agricultural, economic, community and environmental factors in Alberta;

(b) to undertake evaluations of specific short-term and long-term projects affecting the water resources of Alberta and to advise the Lieutenant Governor in Council accordingly;

(c) to monitor intergovernmental negotiations affecting the water resources of Alberta and to make recommendations as to the public interest of Alberta in that regard;

(d) to advise the Lieutenant Governor in Council respecting the exercise of any of his powers under legislation of the Province of Alberta pertaining to water resources and, generally, to advise the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the policy of the Government respecting water resources.

(2) The Commission shall, on being requested to do so by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, hold public hearings for the purpose of receiving briefs and submissions on any matter pertaining to water resources specified in the order, and shall make its report on the matter to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Annual report **7(1)** The Commission shall make a report in each year to the Lieutenant Governor in Council

(a) summarizing generally its activities and affairs in the preceding year, and

(b) showing any reports made by it under section 6(2) in the preceding year.

(2) When a report by the Commission under subsection (1) is received by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a copy of it shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting and if not, within 30 days after the commencement of the next ensuing sitting.

Power to make by-laws **8(1)** The Commission may make by-laws regulating its proceedings and generally for the conduct and management of the business and affairs of the Commission.

(2) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to by-laws of the Commission.

Transitional **9(1)** *A person who was immediately before the commencement of this Act a member of the Water Resources Commission established under Order in Council numbered O.C. 1260/82 is a member of the Water Resources Commission established under this Act until his appointment is terminated or another person is appointed in his stead under section 3.*

(2) *The person who was immediately before the commencement of this Act the chairman of the Water Resources Commission established under Order in Council numbered O.C. 1260/82 is the chairman of the Water Resources Commission established under this Act until his designation as chairman is terminated or another person is designated in his stead under section 4.*

Expiry of Act **10** This Act expires on December 31, 1987.

In accordance with section 4(1) of the Interpretation Act, this Bill comes into force on the date it receives Royal Assent.