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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

**H. F. No. 1769**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

04/19/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to the legislature; creating a Legislative Water Commission; prescribing  
1.3 its powers and duties; providing legislative appointments; proposing coding for  
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[3.886] LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMISSION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A Legislative Water Commission is established.

1.8 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The Legislative Water Commission consists of ten  
1.9 members appointed as follows:

1.10 (1) five members of the senate, including two members of the largest minority  
1.11 caucus, to be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees and to serve until their  
1.12 successors are appointed; and

1.13 (2) five members of the house of representatives, including two members of the  
1.14 largest minority caucus, to be appointed by the speaker of the house and to serve until  
1.15 their successors are appointed.

1.16 (b) Vacancies must be filled in the same manner as the original positions.

1.17 (c) Vacancies occurring on the commission do not affect the authority of the remaining  
1.18 members of the Legislative Water Commission to carry out the function of the commission.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Staff.** The Legislative Water Commission may appoint and fix the  
1.20 compensation of personnel and consultants necessary to enable the commission to carry  
1.21 out its functions, or to contract for services to supply necessary data subject to the approval  
1.22 of the Legislative Coordinating Commission under section 3.305.

1.23 Subd. 4. **Powers and duties.** (a) The Legislative Water Commission shall review  
1.24 water policy reports and recommendations of the Environmental Quality Board, the Board

2.1 of Water and Soil Resources, the Pollution Control Agency, the Department of Natural  
2.2 Resources, and other water-related reports as may be required by law or the legislature.

2.3 (b) The commission may conduct public hearings and otherwise secure data and  
2.4 comments.

2.5 (c) The commission shall make recommendations as it deems proper to assist the  
2.6 legislature in formulating legislation.

2.7 (d) Data or information compiled by the Legislative Water Commission or its  
2.8 subcommittees shall be made available to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
2.9 Minnesota Resources and standing and interim committees of the legislature on request  
2.10 of the chair of the respective commission or committee.

2.11 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires July 1, 2018.