

## CHAPTER 164

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**EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

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**HOUSE BILL 97-1218**

BY REPRESENTATIVES S. Johnson, Kaufman, Bacon, George, Reeser, Tool, Owen, Taylor, Tucker, Udall, and Young;  
also SENATORS Ament, Bishop, Chlouber, Dennis, Hernandez, J. Johnson, Norton, Phillips, Reeves, and Rizzuto.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 23-35-101 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

**23-35-101. Colorado water resources research institute - creation.** (3) The principal administrative officer of the institute shall be a director, who shall be appointed by the president of the Colorado state university with the approval of the state board of agriculture and who shall be under the direct supervision of the president of Colorado state university or a vice-president thereof designated by the president. To meet the purposes of the institute, the director, with the advice of the advisory ~~council~~ COMMITTEE established pursuant to section 23-35-102, shall develop appropriate policies and procedures for identification of priority research problems; for collaborating with water user associations, other universities, federal, state, and local government agencies, and the general assembly in the formulation of its research program; for selection of projects to be funded; and for the dissemination of information and transfer of technology which is produced by the research.

**SECTION 2.** 23-35-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., is REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

**23-35-102. Advisory committee on water research policy.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WATER RESEARCH POLICY THAT SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST TEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

INSTITUTE.

(2) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE TERMS OF FOUR YEARS. MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND ARE NOT ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

(3) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL RECOMMEND POLICY GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE AND SHALL EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTE. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO ADVISE AND COUNSEL THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE AND SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

**SECTION 3.** Article 35 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**23-35-102.3. Water research fund.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE WATER RESEARCH FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE AS THE "FUND". THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS ACCEPTED BY THE INSTITUTE. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE HEREBY CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE INSTITUTE, AND THE INSTITUTE MAY EXPEND MONEYS FROM THE FUND FOR ANY PURPOSE CONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE. ANY INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR, ALL UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL REMAIN THEREIN AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

(2) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NO GENERAL FUND DOLLARS BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

**SECTION 4.** 23-35-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

**23-35-103. Repeal of article.** This article is repealed, effective July 1, ~~1997~~ 2007.

**SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 16, 1997