

## CHAPTER 196

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**WATER AND IRRIGATION**

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**HOUSE BILL 99-1222**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Young, Alexander, George, Hoppe, Johnson, Lee, McKay, Miller, Morrison, Nunez, Paschall, Smith, and Taylor;  
also SENATORS Musgrave, Feeley, and Tebedo.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING AUGMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER WELL PUMPING IN THE DENVER BASIN  
AQUIFERS.

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

**SECTION 1.** 37-90-137 (9) (c) (II) and (9) (c.5) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**37-90-137. Permits to construct wells outside designated basins - fees - permit no ground water right - evidence - time limitation - well permits - repeal.** (9) (c) (II) This paragraph (c) shall not be in effect from July 1, ~~1999~~ 2001, until July 1, ~~2002~~ 2004, during which time paragraph (c.5) shall apply.

(c.5) (II) This paragraph (c.5) is effective July 1, ~~1999~~ 2001, and is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2002~~ 2004.

**SECTION 2.** 37-90-137.5 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 37-90-137.5 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

**37-90-137.5. Special water committee - creation - study - repeal.** (1.5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SPECIAL WATER COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE DENVER BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AND SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN ISSUES BY CONDUCTING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES ISSUES, AND BY MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF THE STATE ENGINEER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD IN IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE SPECIAL WATER COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION

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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.*

IN APRIL, 1998.

(6) This section is repealed, effective July 1, ~~1999~~ 2001.

**SECTION 3. 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 18, 1999