

## CHAPTER 282

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**WATER AND IRRIGATION**

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**HOUSE BILL 02-1024**

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**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT WATER RESOURCES REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 37-98-102 (1), (2) (b), and (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**37-98-102. Water resources review committee - creation.** (1) (a) For the purposes of contributing to and monitoring the conservation, use, development, and financing of the water resources of Colorado for the general welfare of its inhabitants and to review and propose water resources legislation, there is hereby created the water resources ~~legislation~~ review committee, referred to in this article as the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair during the interim ~~at least once and as often as deemed necessary~~ SIX TIMES DURING EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND EIGHT TIMES DURING ODD-NUMBERED YEARS to review and to propose water resources legislation and matters relating thereto. In connection with such review, the committee MAY TAKE UP TO TWO FIELD TRIPS PER YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH ITS MANDATE AND shall consult with experts in the field of water conservation, quality, use, finance, and development. The department of natural resources, the state engineer, and the attorney general, together with the members and staff of the Colorado water conservation board, the Colorado water resources and power development authority, the Colorado water quality control commission, the department of public health and environment, the department of agriculture, and the great outdoors Colorado program, shall cooperate with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in pursuing its responsibilities pursuant to this section. Further, the committee may utilize the legislative council staff to assist its members in researching any matters.

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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.*

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), IF SECTION 37-98-103 HAS BEEN REPEALED AND HAS NOT BEEN REENACTED, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NEITHER MEET NOR REPORT ANY BILLS.

(2) (b) At least four members of the committee shall EITHER:

(I) Reside in that portion of the state ~~which~~ THAT is west of the continental divide;  
OR

(II) REPRESENT A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION OF WHICH LIES WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE.

(6) ~~The committee shall hold no more than four meetings in the interim period.~~

**SECTION 2.** 37-98-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**37-98-103. Annual recommendations - bill limitation - deadlines for introduction - repeal.** (1) The committee may report no more than three bills or other measures to the legislative council created in section 2-3-301, C.R.S., unless a two-thirds majority of the members of the committee vote to report a greater number. No bill shall be reported to the legislative council unless a two-thirds majority of the appointed members of the committee vote to report such bill to the legislative council. Such greater number shall not exceed one bill or other measure per member. These bills shall be exempt from any applicable bill limit imposed on the individual committee members sponsoring such bills if the bills have been approved by the legislative council no later than October 15 ~~2004~~ IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND NOVEMBER 15 IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.

(2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003.

**SECTION 3. Repeal.** 37-98-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

**37-98-104. Repeal of article.** ~~This article is repealed, effective July 1, 2002.~~

**SECTION 4. 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: June 3, 2002