



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 5663



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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5249

File No. 379

Cal. No. 265

**"AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL
CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY CONCERNING
THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF A WATER COMPANY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 5 of special act 77-98, as amended
4 by section 4 of special act 78-24, section 4 of special act 24-7 and section
5 37 of public act 24-1 of the June special session, are amended to read as
6 follows (*Effective October 1, 2027*):

7 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
8 upon the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's approval of the South
9 Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority or the Aquarion Water
10 Authority to own and operate the Aquarion Water Company or one or
11 more of its subsidiaries, the [authority] Aquarion Water Authority
12 board shall consist of eleven members who shall reside in Connecticut
13 and not be members of the representative policy board, [six] five of
14 whom shall be residents of the South Central Connecticut Regional
15 Water District appointed by the representative policy board, and [five]
16 six of whom shall be appointed by the representative policy board of the
17 Aquarion Regional Water District, as described in section 35 of section
18 41 of [this act] public act 24-1 of the June special session, in accordance
19 with section 38 of section 41 of [this act] public act 24-1 of the June
20 special session, as amended by this act. The [six] five members
21 appointed by the representative policy board of the authority shall have
22 the authority to act on behalf of the Aquarion Water Authority until
23 such time as the members of the Aquarion Water Authority are
24 appointed. All such authority members shall be appointed without
25 regard to political affiliation by a majority of the total votes of those
26 members of the representative policy board present at a meeting at
27 which at least two-thirds of the weighted vote, excluding vacancies, is
28 present, for terms of five years, not to exceed four consecutive full terms,
29 and until their successors are appointed and have qualified. The sixth
30 member first appointed shall be appointed for a three-year term ending
31 January 1, 2028, and the seventh member first appointed shall be
32 appointed for a five-year term ending January 1, 2030. Any vacancy

33 occurring on the authority shall be filled in the same manner for the
34 unexpired portion of the term. Any member of the authority may be
35 removed from office by the representative policy board for cause.
36 Members of the authority shall receive such compensation to be
37 adjusted every three years by the Consumer Price Index factor, as
38 described in section 4 of special act 77-98, as amended by special act 78-
39 24, special act 84-46, public act 02-85, special act 03-11, special act 13-20,
40 special act 24-7 and [this act] public act 24-1 of the June special session,
41 if approved by the majority of weighted votes of the membership of the
42 representative policy board, excluding vacancies, and shall be
43 reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in performance of
44 their duties.

45 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38 of section 41 of public act 24-1 of
46 the June special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective October*
47 *1, 2027*):

48 (a) A public corporation, to be known as the "Aquarion Water
49 Authority", constituting a public instrumentality and political
50 subdivision, is created for the purposes, charged with the duties and
51 granted the powers provided in [section] sections 34 to 65, inclusive, of
52 [this act] section 41 of public act 24-1 of the June special session. On and
53 after December 31, 2025, the authority shall consist of eleven members.
54 [~~Five~~] Six of the members shall be residents of the Aquarion Regional
55 Water District who are appointed by the Aquarion representative policy
56 board and shall not be members of the Aquarion representative policy
57 board, and [~~six~~] five of the members shall be members of the South
58 Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority who are appointed by
59 the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority representative
60 policy board. The eleven members of the board for the Aquarion Water
61 Authority shall be and remain the same eleven members of the board of
62 the South Central Connecticut Water Authority. All authority board
63 members shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation by a
64 majority of the total votes of those members of the Aquarion
65 representative policy board present at a meeting at which at least two-

66 thirds of the weighted vote, excluding vacancies, is present, for terms of
 67 five years, not to exceed four consecutive full terms, and until their
 68 successors are appointed and have qualified, except that of the members
 69 first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term ending January 1,
 70 2026, two for a term ending January 1, 2027, two for a term ending
 71 January 1, 2028, two for a term ending January 1, 2029, and three for a
 72 term ending January 1, 2030. Any vacancy occurring on the authority
 73 shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired portion of the term.
 74 Any member of the authority may be removed from office by the
 75 Aquarion representative policy board for cause. Members of the
 76 authority shall receive such compensation, to be adjusted every three
 77 years by the Consumer Price Index factor, as described in section 37 of
 78 [this act] public act 24-1 of the June special session, if approved by the
 79 majority of weighted votes of the membership of the Aquarion
 80 representative policy board, excluding vacancies, and shall be
 81 reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in performance of
 82 their duties."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2027	SA 77-98, Sec. 5(c)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2027	PA 24-1 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 41section 38(a)