



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 4670



Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5249

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**"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 from passage*):

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 from*  
47 *passage*):

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	<i>from passage</i>	SA 77-98, Sec. 5(c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	PA 24-1 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 41section 38(a)