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A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND
USE OF WATER RESOURCES, FOR THE BETTER DISTRIBUTION
OF WATER SUPPLIES AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED
THEREWITH.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Water (Development and Distribution) Law. Short title.

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.
- “ area ” means a water development area declared under the provisions of this Law;
- “ Chairman ” means the Chairman of a Committee;
- “ Committee ” means a Water Development Committee established under this Law;
- “ Court ” means the President of the District Court of the district within which the area or part of the area of a Committee, a party to the proceedings, is situated;
- “ domestic purposes ” means any purposes which, according to the ordinary habits of life, are commonly satisfied in a home in Cyprus but shall not include the use of water for irrigation or for any trade, manufacture or business;

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"immovable property" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Immovable Property (Tenure, Registration and Valuation) Law;

"private water rights" includes a right to take or utilize water irrespective of whether such right is held or enjoyed together with or independently of land;

"property" includes movable and immovable property;

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"statutory water undertaker" means a Water Board established under the provisions of the Water Supply (Municipal and Other Areas) Laws;

"supply of water in bulk" means a supply of water for distribution by the undertakers taking the supply;

"water" means any water privately owned and not vested in the Government;

"water undertaker" means any company, partnership, board, commission, committee or other person supplying water within the area;

"waterworks" means wells, bores, reservoirs, dams, weirs, tanks, cisterns, tunnels, filter beds, conduits, aqueducts, mains, pipes, fountains, sluices, valves, pumps, channels, engines and all other structures or appliances used or constructed for the storage, conveyance, supply, distribution, measurement or regulation of water which are so used or have been constructed under or for the purposes of any Law, under which a water undertaker is functioning or for the purposes of his undertaking.

PART II.

DEVELOPMENT AREAS AND COMMITTEES.

Power to
Governor
in Council
to declare
areas.

3. (1) If it appears to the Governor in Council that the conservation and better use of water resources within a certain area, the provision of sufficient water supplies therein and their equitable distribution and availability at fair prices or the effective execution of an island-wide policy relating to water, may thereby be more effectively secured, the Governor in Council may, by Order (hereinafter referred to as the "development Order") declare such area to be a development area and thereupon the provisions of this Law shall apply to this area.

(2) Any development Order may contain such incidental, consequential and supplementary provisions, as the Governor in Council may consider necessary or expedient for the effective carrying out of the Order.

4. (1) On the declaration of an area under section 3, the Governor shall, by Order, establish a Water Development Committee in respect of that area.

Establish-
ment of
Water
Develop-
ment
Committees.

(2) A Committee shall consist of—

(a) a Chairman and not more than five other members to be appointed by the Governor to hold office in accordance with the terms of the appointment for four years after the date of their appointment, unless such appointment is previously terminated by the Governor;

(b) where in any area there is functioning any statutory water undertaker such undertaker shall be entitled to be represented on the Committee by a person nominated by him as a member of the Committee to hold office for such period as may be specified in the nomination.

(3) The Governor may, by an Order made under subsection (1), make further provision as to the method and procedure of nomination of members under paragraph (b) of subsection (2).

(4) A Committee may make rules governing its own proceedings, the convening of its meetings, the quorum thereof, the appointment of sub-committees for certain purposes, and providing, subject to the approval of the Governor, for the payment of any allowances to any of its members.

(5) A Committee may act notwithstanding a vacancy among the members thereof.

5. A Committee, established under the provisions of this Law, shall be a body corporate by the name of "Water Development Committee of _____" (*inserting a name indicating the area*) and by that name it shall have perpetual succession and a corporate seal in such form as may be approved by the Governor, with power to hold property, to enter into contracts, to institute or defend suits and other legal proceedings, and, generally, to do all things which may be necessary for the purpose of its establishment.

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ment
Committee
a body
corporate.