

No. 49 OF 1932 (AS AMENDED BY LAW 61 OF 1932).

A LAW CONFERRING CERTAIN POWERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELIEVING A WATER SHORTAGE AT NICOSIA AND FOR THE PREVENTION FROM CONTAMINATION OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY. A.D. 1932.  
49 of 1932.

H. HENNIKER-HEATON,] [3rd October, 1932.  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Nicosia Water Supply (Special Powers) Law, 1932. Short title.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:— Interpretation.

“Building” includes any structure of whatsoever materials constructed.

“Land” includes building-sites, gardens and yards.

“Nicosia Town” means that part of Nicosia comprised within the old walls or ramparts.

“Nicosia Water Supplies” means all water (whether brought to or running on the surface or not) and all sources, springs, streams or wells bearing or conveying water, whether the subject of private rights or otherwise, found or to be found in Nicosia Town or within a radius of five miles therefrom.

3. There shall be a board (in this Law called “the Board”) constituted as follows:— Establishment of Board.

- (a) The Commissioner of Nicosia, as Chairman,
- (b) The Director of the Public Works Department,
- (c) The Mayor of Nicosia,
- (d) One Councillor appointed by the Municipal Corporation of Nicosia,

Power to  
Governor to  
authorize  
the Board  
to take,  
manage and  
control water  
supplies.

4. The Governor may by Order in Council to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* authorize the Board to take, manage and control for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of such Order the Nicosia Water Supplies or such part thereof as may be specified in the Order for the purpose of utilizing such supplies or part thereof or for the purpose of causing such supplies or part thereof to be utilized for the benefit of the inhabitants of Nicosia :

Provided that where such supplies or part thereof are the subject of private rights, the Board shall ensure that there shall be available from such supplies or part thereof such quantity of water as may in the opinion of the Board be sufficient for the reasonable daily domestic needs of the persons having such rights, free of any charge under this Law :

And provided further that such persons shall be at liberty to utilize the quantity of water so ensured as aforesaid for any purpose whatsoever.

Certain  
powers to  
Board.

5. From and after the date of the publication in the *Cyprus Gazette* of an Order made under section 4\* of this Law—

(a) The Nicosia Water Supplies or such part thereof as may be specified in such Order shall pass under the absolute management and control of the Board ; and

(b) The Board may at any time—

(i) Authorize any person to enter at all reasonable times, with or without any vehicle or animal, upon any land for the purpose of taking water from the Nicosia Water Supplies or such part thereof as may be specified in the Order, and

(ii) Open or break up any drain, road, sewer, square, street, or tunnel :

Provided that the Board shall restore to its former state with all convenient speed every drain, road, sewer, square, street or tunnel so opened or broken up ; and

(c) The Board shall forthwith be entitled to enter at all reasonable times upon the land of any person for the purpose of doing any act or executing any works thereon or therein as may be necessary to give effect to such Order.

\* Substituted by Law 61 of 1932.