



1 water users, other stakeholders, and the Department of Environment and Natural  
2 Resources. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources may use up to forty  
3 thousand dollars (\$40,000) each fiscal year for costs of administering this act.

4 **SECTION 2.** In developing and implementing the water resource  
5 management program required under Section 1 of this act, each regional council of  
6 government shall carry out a plan of work that may include the following:

- 7 (1) Development of one or more multijurisdictional water resource  
8 management plans in cooperation with local governments and key  
9 water user stakeholders, and the Department of Environment and  
10 Natural Resources, based on the water resource needs and geographic  
11 and hydrologic features in the region, including both surface and  
12 groundwater resources as appropriate to the region.
- 13 (2) Convening coalitions of local governments and major water users in  
14 the respective regions to set strategies for sustaining water resources  
15 necessary to support sound economic development.
- 16 (3) Implementation of multijurisdictional projects and activities that  
17 address water quantity and water quality problems identified in water  
18 resource management plans.
- 19 (4) Identification of opportunities for improvements to make water  
20 systems more drought resistant, including assisting local governments  
21 with upgrading water supply plans to address potential water shortages  
22 and pursuing connections between water systems and wastewater  
23 system providers to achieve efficiencies and make systems more  
24 drought resistant.

25 **SECTION 3.(a)** The funds allocated to a regional council of government by  
26 Section 1 of this act shall be paid in two equal installments. The first payment to a  
27 regional council of government shall be made only after compliance with subdivision  
28 (b)(1) of Section 3 of this act, and the second payment shall be made only after  
29 compliance with subdivision (b)(2) of Section 3 of this act.

30 **SECTION 3.(b)** Each regional council of government receiving funds under  
31 this act shall comply with the following requirements:

- 32 (1) By September 21, 2008, the council shall present to the Department of  
33 Environment and Natural Resources and the Fiscal Research Division  
34 the council's annual plan of work, goals, objectives, and proposed  
35 expenditures.
- 36 (2) By March 1, 2009, the council shall submit to the Department of  
37 Environment and Natural Resources and the Fiscal Research Division  
38 a report of the council's accomplishments and of the actual  
39 expenditures of funds appropriated by this act during the previous  
40 reporting period.

41 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.