



1 Natural Resources. The funds allocated to a regional council of government by this  
2 section shall be paid in two equal installments. The first payment shall be made upon  
3 presentation by the regional council of government of its plan of work for the fiscal year  
4 as required by Section 3 of this act. The second payment shall be made upon the  
5 submission by the regional council of government of the report required by Section 3 of  
6 this act. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources may use up to forty  
7 thousand dollars (\$40,000) of the funds appropriated by this act for each fiscal year for  
8 the costs of administering this act.

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

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

27 **SECTION 3.** Each regional council of government that receives funds under  
28 this act shall present to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the  
29 Fiscal Research Division the council's plan of work, goals, objectives, and proposed  
30 expenditures for the fiscal year on or before 1 September of that fiscal year. Each  
31 regional council of government that receives funds under this act shall submit to the  
32 Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Fiscal Research Division a  
33 report on the council's accomplishments and the council's actual expenditures of funds  
34 appropriated by this act during the fiscal year on or before 1 March of that fiscal year.

35 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective 1 July 2007.