

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, FEBRUARY 2, 2004

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to increase the annual  
2 Federal capitalization grant to the Clean Water State  
3 Revolving Fund AND EXPAND ELIGIBILITY TO IT to better address <—  
4 the tremendous needs across the United States and the  
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

6 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States established the  
7 Clean Water State Revolving Fund to lend money to communities to  
8 help pay for urgently needed wastewater infrastructure projects;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Clean Water State Revolving Fund has been one of  
11 the most effective and practical ways to address the United  
12 States' rapidly deteriorating water infrastructure system; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1994, when authorization for the Clean Water  
14 State Revolving Fund expired, the Congress continued to approve  
15 money to capitalize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund without  
16 authorization; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency's  
18 2000 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey Report to Congress documented

1 five-year capital investment need for publicly owned wastewater  
2 treatment facilities that are eligible for funding under the  
3 Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving  
4 Loan Fund Program and found national needs of more than \$181  
5 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, That same study found the total needs across  
7 Pennsylvania to be in excess of \$8 billion, including \$1 billion  
8 for treatment facilities, \$1.6 billion for new collector and  
9 interceptor sewers and more than \$4 billion for the combined  
10 sewer overflow problem; and

11 WHEREAS, A 1999 Environmental Protection Agency Needs Gaps  
12 Study found that sanitary sewer overflow needs in the 1996 study  
13 were grossly underestimated, bringing the total national  
14 wastewater infrastructure needs to more than \$200 billion; and

15 WHEREAS, Independent studies indicate that when 20-year  
16 replacement costs are added, the total wastewater infrastructure  
17 needs will exceed \$300 billion; and

18 WHEREAS, The performance of the Clean Water State Revolving  
19 Fund has leveraged more than \$21.2 billion in capitalization  
20 grants into more than \$38.7 billion in water infrastructure  
21 projects; and

22 WHEREAS, Up to 55,000 new jobs are created for every \$1  
23 billion expended on water infrastructure; and

24 WHEREAS, The gap between funding and needs continues to grow  
25 despite the significant amounts contributed to the Clean Water  
26 State Revolving Fund in capitalization grants; and

27 WHEREAS, While the investor-owned utilities have had access  
28 to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DW-SRF) since its  
29 inception, they have not had access to the Clean Water State  
30 Revolving Fund; and

1 WHEREAS, The benefits of investor-owned utility access would  
2 flow back to their customers, who are also taxpayers  
3 contributing to the State revolving funds; and

4 WHEREAS, Investor-owned utilities could use the Clean Water  
5 State Revolving Fund to assist states with failing systems,  
6 compliance problems or underserved areas, while creating jobs  
7 and paying more taxes; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the  
9 ~~Senate~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania <—  
10 acknowledge the key role of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
11 Program in enhancing public health and safety, protecting the  
12 environment and maintaining a strong economic base by increasing  
13 labor productivity, creating jobs, rehabilitating old  
14 neighborhoods and ensuring the availability of recreational use  
15 of our waterways and shorelines; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
17 Pennsylvania recognize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
18 Program as the most pragmatic and effective program that  
19 provides states vital financial resources to address their  
20 wastewater infrastructure needs; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
22 Pennsylvania encourage all communities in the Commonwealth of  
23 Pennsylvania to participate in this important program; and be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
26 Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to ~~open up~~ <—  
27 ~~access~~ EXPAND ELIGIBILITY to the Clean Water State Revolving <—  
28 Fund so the customers of investor-owned utilities can share in  
29 the benefits of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; and be it  
30 further

1       RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to increase  
3 the annual Federal capitalization grant to the Clean Water State  
4 Revolving Fund to better address the tremendous needs across the  
5 United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and be it  
6 further

7       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
8 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of  
9 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
10 Pennsylvania.