

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0024

Water commission duties.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water; authorizing the water development
2 commission to delegate duties to the water development
3 office; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 41-2-118(a)(xiv), (xv) and by
8 creating a new paragraph (xvi) is amended to read:

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10 **41-2-118. Powers, duties, salaries and expenses of**
11 **commission.**

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13 (a) The commission shall:

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1 (xiv) Have authority to temporarily defer the
2 principal amount due on debt service payments for money
3 loaned to an irrigation district, watershed improvement
4 district, conservation district or a conservancy district
5 for construction of water development projects whenever the
6 governor has declared that a drought emergency exists
7 within the affected district's service area. The district
8 shall be eligible for the temporary deferral of the
9 principal amount due, provided the interest payments on the
10 remaining principal amount are paid and current. The
11 commission shall amend the amortization schedule to reflect
12 the length of time from the date the affected district
13 seeks the temporary deferral to the date the governor
14 declares the emergency drought condition no longer exists;
15 and

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17 (xv) With the approval of the governor, have the
18 authority to enter into contracts and agreements with the
19 United States of America or its duly authorized
20 representative agency to accept federal funds through
21 grants or matching funds or from other sources for project
22 costs pertaining to the utilization of Wyoming's water
23 resources; and

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(xvi) Have authority to annually, after office approval, delegate administrative duties to the Wyoming water development office to facilitate the effective operation of the commission.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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