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SENATE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ENGROSSED NO. **SB 211** - 2/20/2018

Introduced by: Senator Frerichs and Representative Ahlers

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a Legislative Water Management Committee.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

4 There is hereby created the Legislative Water Management Committee with the purpose of
5 inquiry and review of state operations concerning flooded private land, irrigation, water
6 quantity, water quality, and water recreation, and local government involvement in water issues.

7 Section 2. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

8 The Legislative Water Management Committee shall consist of ten members. Five members
9 shall be from the Senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, two of whom
10 shall be members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Five members shall be
11 from the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the House of
12 Representatives, two of whom shall be members of the Agricultural and Natural Resources
13 Committee.

14 The members of the committee shall be appointed biennially for terms expiring on January
15 first of each succeeding odd-numbered year and shall serve until their respective successors are



1 appointed and qualified. No more than three from each legislative body may be from the same
2 political party.

3 Section 3. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

4 The Legislative Water Management Committee shall select a chairman and vice-chairman.

5 The committee shall be provided with staff assistance from the Legislative Research Council.

6 The committee may meet at the call of the chair during the Legislative Session or the interim.

7 Section 4. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

8 The Legislative Water Management Committee may introduce legislation and policy
9 recommendations. The committee may hear any bill assigned to the committee during a
10 legislative session.

11 Section 5. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

12 The Legislative Water Management Committee may consult with and seek input from the
13 Department of Environment and Natural Resources; any water entity including water
14 development districts, conservation districts, watershed districts, and water project and irrigation
15 districts; farming organizations including commodity and livestock organizations; conservation
16 and outdoor recreation organizations; municipal, tribal, and county governments; and the
17 Department of Revenue. The committee may allow a person from any of the organizations listed
18 in this section to act as an ex officio member of the committee.