

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONS

OVERVIEW

Miscellaneous Commissions are agencies with missions that extend beyond a single department within the State. In some instances, they may extend to one or more states, and were created as an interstate–federal compact. For example, an interstate commission operates in conjunction with executive departments in several states, with each member state exercising equal power in the decision making process. Such compacts are necessary, as an action taken by one state frequently has ramifications in another state.

Services are provided in two distinct areas: science and technical programs, and governmental review. The Delaware River Basin Commission and the Interstate Environmental Commission are engaged in science and technology programs, and governmental review activities are conducted by the Council on Local Mandates.

The fiscal 2005 budget for Miscellaneous Commissions totals \$1.4 million.

Delaware River Basin Commission

This Commission, under the Delaware River Basin Compact, operates as a regional agency for the planning, conservation, utilization, development, management, and control of water and related natural resources of the Delaware River Basin. The Compact includes Delaware, New Jersey, New York, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the federal government. Each year the Commission proposes a water resources program to be undertaken in conjunction with other governmental and private agencies, organizations, and individuals over a six–year period or other reasonable, specified time period. The Commission is empowered to allocate the waters of the Basin to and among the states and their respective political subdivisions and to impose related conditions, obligations, and release requirements, subject to certain limitations. Also, it is empowered to acquire, operate, and control projects and facilities for the storage and release of waters, and may assess the cost for water users. The Commission may conduct investigations and surveys, and design, acquire, construct, operate, and maintain projects and facilities for the purpose of controlling potential pollution, abating existing pollution, and for reducing flood damage.

Additionally, it has the power to restrict the use of property within areas of the flood plain in order to minimize flood hazards.

The Commission provides for the development of water–related public sports and recreational facilities through the construction, maintenance, and administration of such facilities. It may develop and operate, or authorize to be developed and operated, dams and related facilities and equipment for the purpose of generating hydroelectric power. The fiscal 2005 recommendation of \$857,000 represents New Jersey’s share of the Commission’s budget.

Interstate Environmental Commission

The Commission is a tri–state agency created by the states of New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut through enabling legislation and a tri–state compact. The Commission plans and coordinates activities designed to abate water pollution in waterways common to the three states. It establishes rules, regulations, and orders related to its purpose and may rely on the courts for enforcement, if required. In addition, the Commission is the official planning and coordinating agency for the New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut air quality control region, though it does not have air pollution abatement enforcement powers. The Commission’s program plan is designed to provide an effective coordinated approach to regional environmental problems. The Commission conducts research, testing, and development, and disseminates data to other public and private organizations or agencies. It does sampling to track sources of air pollutants and refers complaints, with data necessary to support corrective action, to the appropriate agency or agencies of the states. The fiscal 2005 recommendation of \$383,000 reflects New Jersey’s contribution to the Commission’s total operating budget.

Council On Local Mandates

The nine–member Council was created by Chapter 24, P.L. 1996 to implement the constitutional amendment approved by New Jersey voters in the 1995 general election. The Council reviews complaints filed by counties, municipalities or school districts, or by a county executive or elected mayor, and issues written rulings on whether a statute, rule, or regulation constitutes an impermissible, unfunded State mandate. The fiscal 2005 recommendation is \$133,000.

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND

(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2003					Year Ending June 30, 2005			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		2004 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
1,392	60	---	1,452	1,417	Direct State Services	1,373	1,373	1,373
---	2	---	2	---	Capital Construction	---	---	---
1,392	62	---	1,454	1,417	Total General Fund	1,373	1,373	1,373
1,392	62	---	1,454	1,417	GRAND TOTAL	1,373	1,373	1,373

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY PROGRAM (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2003					Year Ending June 30, 2005				
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		2004 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
					DIRECT STATE SERVICES – GENERAL FUND				
					Science and Technical Programs				
867	---	---	867	867	Delaware River Basin Commission	857	857	857	
388	---	---	388	388	Interstate Environmental Commission	383	383	383	
1,255	---	---	1,255	1,255	<i>Subtotal</i>	1,240	1,240	1,240	
					Governmental Review and Oversight				
137	60	---	197	162	Council On Local Mandates	133	133	133	
1,392	60	---	1,452	1,417	<i>Subtotal Direct State Services – General Fund</i>	1,373	1,373	1,373	
1,392	60	---	1,452	1,417	TOTAL DIRECT STATE SERVICES	1,373	1,373	1,373	
					CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION				
					Science and Technical Programs				
---	2	---	2	---	Delaware River Basin Commission	---	---	---	
---	2	---	2	---	<i>Subtotal Capital Construction</i>	---	---	---	
1,392	62	---	1,454	1,417	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1,373	1,373	1,373	

40. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

43. SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

9130. INTERSTATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

OBJECTIVES

1. To restore to usefulness, within a reasonable time and in an economical manner, areas of the Interstate Environmental Commission District which are presently blighted from water pollution.
2. To plan and coordinate activities to control and prevent air pollution in the region through the development of compatible standards and implementation plans.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

03. **Interstate Environmental Commission.** The Interstate Environmental Commission is a tri-state agency created by the states of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut through enabling legislation and a tri-state compact (RS 32:18-1 et seq. and RS 32:19-1 et seq.). The Interstate Environmental Commission District extends approximately from Sandy Hook on the New Jersey coast to include all of New York Harbor, north on the Hudson River to the northerly boundaries

of Westchester and Rockland counties, easterly into Long Island Sound to the New Haven, Connecticut shore, to Port Jefferson on the north shore of Long Island, and along the south shore of Long Island extending easterly to Fire Island Inlet. The Commission makes rules, regulations, and orders for the abatement of water pollution and may resort to the courts for enforcement. The Commission's program plan for water pollution abatement is designed to provide assistance in an effective coordinated approach to regional problems. The Commission is also the official planning and coordinating agency for the New Jersey-New York-Connecticut air quality control region, though it does not have air pollution abatement enforcement powers. The Commission conducts studies; undertakes research, testing and development; gathers and disseminates data to other public and private organizations or agencies; does sampling to track sources of air pollutants and refers complaints to an appropriate agency or agencies of the states, along with data necessary to take corrective action.

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APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2003					Year Ending June 30, 2005				
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2004 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended	
DIRECT STATE SERVICES									
Distribution by Fund and Program									
388	---	---	388	388	Interstate Environmental Commission	03	383	383	383
388	---	---	388	388	Total Direct State Services		383	383	383
Distribution by Fund and Object									
Special Purpose:									
388	---	---	388	388	Expenses of the Commission	03	383	383	383
388	---	---	388	388	Grand Total State Appropriation		383	383	383

40. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

43. SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

9140. DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

OBJECTIVES

1. To establish standards of planning, design, and operation of water resources projects and facilities in the Basin.
2. To conduct and sponsor research on water resources.
3. To coordinate the activities and programs of Federal, State, municipal and private agencies concerned with water resources administration.
4. To improve environmental quality within the Basin.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

02. **Delaware River Basin Commission.** This Commission, under the Delaware River Basin Compact (C32:11D-1 et seq.), cooperates as a regional agency for the planning, conservation, utilization, development, management and control of water and related natural resources of the Delaware River Basin. The Compact includes the states of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the federal government. Each year the Commission adopts a water resources program, which it proposes to be undertaken by the Commission and other governmental and private agencies, organizations and persons during the

ensuing six years or such other reasonable period. The Commission is empowered to allocate the waters of the Basin to and among the states and their respective political subdivisions, and to impose conditions, obligations, and release requirements related thereto, subject to certain limitations. It is also empowered to acquire, operate, and control projects and facilities for the storage and release of waters and may assess the cost thereof upon water users. The Commission may undertake investigations and surveys, and acquire and construct, operate and maintain projects and facilities to control potential pollution and abate existing pollution. The Commission may plan, design, construct, operate and maintain projects and facilities for flood damage reduction and has the power to restrict the use of property within the area of a flood plain so as to minimize the flood hazard. The Commission provides for the development of water-related public sports and recreational facilities through the construction, maintenance, and administration of such facilities. The Commission may develop and operate, or authorize to be developed and operated, dams and related facilities and appurtenances for the purpose of generating hydroelectric power. The appropriation recommended below represents New Jersey's share of the Commission's budget.

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Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2004 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended	
DIRECT STATE SERVICES									
Distribution by Fund and Program									
867	---	---	867	867	Delaware River Basin Commission	02	857	857	857
867	---	---	867	867	Total Direct State Services		857	857	857

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Year Ending June 30, 2003					Year Ending June 30, 2005				
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Total Expended	Prog. Class.	2004 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
DIRECT STATE SERVICES									
Distribution by Fund and Object									
Special Purpose:									
867	---	---	867	867	02	857	857	857	
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION									
Distribution by Fund and Program									
---	2	---	2	---	02	---	---	---	
---	2	---	2	---	Total Capital Construction				
Distribution by Fund and Object									
Delaware River Basin Commission									
---	2	---	2	---	02	---	---	---	
867	2	---	869	867	Grand Total State Appropriation				

70. GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

72. GOVERNMENTAL REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT

9148. COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES

OBJECTIVES

- To resolve disputes as to whether a statute, rule, or regulation constitutes an unfunded State mandate.

amendment approved by New Jersey voters in the 1995 general election. The Council reviews and issues written rulings on whether a statute, rule, or regulation constitutes an impermissible, unfunded State mandate. Complaints may be filed by a county, municipality or school district, or by a county executive or directly elected mayor.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

- Council On Local Mandates.** The nine-member Council was created by P.L. 1996, c.24 to implement the constitutional

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Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Total Expended	Prog. Class.	2004 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
DIRECT STATE SERVICES									
Distribution by Fund and Program									
137	60	---	197	162	92	133	133	133	
137	60	---	197	162	Total Direct State Services				
Distribution by Fund and Object									
Special Purpose:									
137	60	---	197	162	92	133	133	133	
137	60	---	197	162	Grand Total State Appropriation				

Language Recommendations -- Direct State Services -- General Fund

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 2004 in this account is appropriated.