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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 104

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules  
on February 26, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Phillips)

*Directing the State Water Commission to study drinking water supply problems and funding mechanisms to correct drinking water deficiencies in southwestern Virginia.*

WHEREAS, maintaining and preserving adequate supplies of drinking water is critical to the health of all citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, southwestern Virginia has suffered devastating losses of drinking water supplies due to geological, manmade, and natural weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, upwards of tens of thousands of citizens of the Commonwealth have had to suffer due to lack of a reliable water supply, particularly from groundwater; and

WHEREAS, many of the causes of the loss and lack of groundwater supplies have been in part identified in southwestern Virginia, but funding mechanisms to provide adequate water supplies to citizens of that region have not been available; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the State Water Commission be directed to study drinking water supply problems and funding mechanisms to correct drinking water deficiencies in southwestern Virginia.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1997 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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