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**1929 LEGISLATION RATIFYING THE SEVEN-STATE
COMPACT**

CALIFORNIA

(Act of January 10, 1929; Ch. 1, 48th Sess.; Statutes and Amendments
to the Codes, 1929, pp. 1-7)

CHAPTER 1

*An Act to ratify and approve the Colorado river compact, signed at
Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 24, 1922, to repeal conflicting acts
and resolutions and directing that notice be given by the governor of
such ratification and approval*

(Approved by the Governor January 10, 1929; in effect immediately)

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature of California hereby ratifies and approves that certain agreement or compact designated as the "Colorado river compact" signed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the twenty-fourth day of November 1922, by W. F. McClure as the commissioner for California under authority of and in conformity with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of California, approved May 12, 1921, entitled "An act authorizing the governor of California to appoint a representative of the State of California to serve upon a joint commission composed of representatives of the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and the United States of America, and constituted for the purpose of negotiating and entering into an agreement between the several states hereinabove mentioned and between said states and the United States of America, subject to the consent of congress, respecting further use and disposition of the waters of the Colorado river and streams tributary thereto, and fixing and determining the rights of each of said states and rights of the United States in and to the use, benefit and disposition of the waters of said stream and its tributaries," and signed by the commissioners for the states of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming under legislative authority of said states and approved by Herbert Hoover, appointed by the president as the representative of the United States under authority

and in conformity with the provisions of an act of the congress of the United States, approved August 19, 1921 (42 statutes at large, p. 171), entitled "An act to permit a compact or agreement between the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, respecting the disposition and apportionment of the waters of the Colorado river, and for other purposes," which said compact is in words and figures as follows:

(Text of compact omitted, to avoid duplication.)

SEC. 2. That said compact shall not be binding or obligatory upon the State of California, unless and until the same shall have been approved by the legislature of each of the said signatory states and by the congress of the United States.

SEC. 3. All acts or parts of acts, and resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. The governor of the State of California shall give notice of this approval to the governor of each of the remaining signatory states and to the President of the United States in conformity with article eleven of said compact.

SEC. 5. Inasmuch as the Colorado river, during flood periods, constitutes a menace to life and property, and inasmuch as the act of congress, entitled "An act to provide for the construction of works for the protection and development of the Colorado river basin, for the approval of the Colorado river compact, and for other purposes," approved December 21, 1928, provides, among other things, for controlling the floods of the Colorado river and thereby eliminating such hazard, and also expressly provides that said act shall not take effect unless and until the said Colorado river compact shall have been ratified by each of the seven states signatory thereto, and the President by public proclamation shall have so declared, or, in the event the seven states signatory thereto shall have failed to ratify the said compact within six months from the date of the passage of said act, then until six of said states, including the State of California, shall have ratified said compact and shall consent to waive the provisions of the first paragraph of article eleven of said compact, which makes the same binding and obligatory only when approved by each of the seven states signatory thereto, and shall have approved said compact without conditions, save that of such six-state approval, and the President by public proclamation shall have so declared, it is hereby declared that this act is an urgency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety and that under the provisions of section 1 of article four of the constitution of the State of California an urgency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.