

## *Appendix 220*

### 1923 LEGISLATION RATIFYING THE SEVEN-STATE COMPACT

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#### CHAPTER 3

(Senate File No. 20)

#### RATIFICATION OF COLORADO RIVER CONFERENCE

*An Act to provide for the ratification and approval of the Colorado River  
Compact*

Whereas the Sixteenth Wyoming Legislature passed an Act entitled "An Act providing for the appointment of a Commissioner on behalf of the State of Wyoming to negotiate a compact or agreement between the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, and between said States and the United States, respecting the use and distribution of the waters of the Colorado River and tributaries, and the rights of said States and the United States thereto." which [sic] said Act was approved under date of February 22, 1921, by the Governor; and

Whereas, under the authority of said Act, the Governor of Wyoming duly appointed a Commissioner who, together with the duly appointed Commissioners of the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah, and the representative of the United States, negotiated a compact or agreement now called the "Colorado River Compact" and unanimously signed same upon the twenty-fourth day of November A. D. 1922, at Santa Fe, New Mexico; and

Whereas the said Act of the Sixteenth Wyoming Legislature further contained the following provision: "provided, however, that any compact or agreement so entered into by said States and the United States shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the high contracting parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been ratified and approved by the legislature of each of said States and by the Congress of the United States."

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Therefore

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

SECTION 1. That ratification and approval is hereby given to the Colorado River Compact as signed at the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the twenty-fourth day of November, A. D. 1922, by Frank C. Emerson, the duly appointed Commissioner for the State of Wyoming, under and in accordance with the authority of the Act of the Sixteenth Wyoming Legislature approved February 22, 1921, entitled: "An Act providing for the appointment of a Commissioner on behalf of the State of Wyoming to negotiate a compact or agreement between the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, and between said States and the United States respecting the use and distribution of the waters of the Colorado River and tributaries, and the rights of said States and the United States thereto," which compact was also signed by the duly authorized Commissioners of the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah, and approved by the representative of the United States, which Colorado River Compact is in full as follows:

(Text of compact omitted to avoid duplication.)

SECTION 2. That the said compact shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the high contracting parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been ratified by the legislature of each of said States and approved by the Congress of the United States, and proclamation thereof shall be made by the President of the United States upon receipt by him, from the Governors of all the signatory States, of notice of ratification of such compact by the legislatures thereof. The Governor of Wyoming shall give notice of the ratification and approval of said Compact by the Seventeenth Wyoming Legislature to the Governors of each of the remaining signatory States and to the President of the United States, in conformity with Article XI of said Compact.

SECTION 3. This Act shall be in effect from and after its passage.

*Approved* February 2, 1923.