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**1923 LEGISLATION RATIFYING THE SEVEN-STATE
COMPACT**

CALIFORNIA

(Act of February 3, 1923; Ch. 17, 45th sess., Statutes and Amendments to the Codes, 1923, pp. 1530-1535)

CHAPTER 17

*Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3—Relative to approving the Colorado
River Compact*

(Filed with Secretary of State, February 9, 1923)

Whereas, Pursuant to appropriate action of their respective legislatures, the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming did heretofore appoint commissioners to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement providing for an equitable distribution and apportionment among the said states of the waters of the Colorado river and of streams tributary thereto; and

Whereas, The congress of the United States did by an act approved August 19, 1921 (42 Statutes at Large, page 171), grant its consent to the making of such compact or agreement, upon condition that a suitable person, to be appointed by the president of the United States, should participate in said negotiations as the representative of and for the protection of the interests of the United States, and upon the further condition that any such compact or agreement shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been approved by the legislature of each of said states and by the congress of the United States; and

Whereas, The commissioners representing the said states, after negotiations participated in by Herbert Hoover appointed by the president as the representative of the United States, did, on the twenty-fourth day of November 1922, at the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, agree upon and sign a compact, which was then and there approved by the representative appointed by the president of the United States, and which is in the words and figures following, to wit:

(Text of compact omitted, to avoid duplication.)

Resolved by the assembly and the senate of the legislature of the State of California, jointly, at its forty-fifth session, commencing on the eighth day of January 1923, a majority of all the members elected to each house of said legislature voting in favor thereof, That the said Colorado river compact be and the same is hereby approved by the legislature of the State of California; and

Be it further resolved, That the governor of California be and he is hereby authorized and requested to give notice of the foregoing approval to the governor of each of the other signatory states and to the president of the United States.