

5.4 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE, AND IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE OR PROVISION OF THE JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE PROJECT COMPACT IS DECLARED TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INAPPLICABLE TO ANY SIGNATORY PARTY OR AGENCY OF ANY PARTY, THE CONSTITUTIONALITY AND APPLICABILITY OF THE COMPACT SHALL NOT BE OTHERWISE AFFECTED AS TO ANY OTHER PROVISION, PARTY, OR AGENCY. IT IS THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT BE REASONABLY AND LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THE STATED PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT.

5.5 NO MEMBER OF OR DELEGATE TO CONGRESS, OR SIGNATORY SHALL BE ADMITTED TO ANY SHARE OR PART OF THIS COMPACT, OR TO ANY BENEFIT THAT MAY ARISE THEREFROM; BUT THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO EXTEND TO THIS AGREEMENT IF MADE WITH A CORPORATION FOR ITS GENERAL BENEFIT.

5.6 WHEN THIS COMPACT HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF EACH RESPECTIVE STATE, WHEN THE GOVERNOR OF WEST VIRGINIA AND THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND HAVE EXECUTED THIS COMPACT ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES AND HAVE CAUSED A VERIFIED COPY THEREOF TO BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF EACH RESPECTIVE STATE, WHEN THE BALTIMORE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS EXECUTED ITS CONCURRENCE WITH THIS COMPACT, AND WHEN THIS COMPACT HAS BEEN CONSENTED TO BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THEN THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME OPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE.

5.7 EITHER STATE MAY, BY LEGISLATIVE ACT, AFTER ONE YEAR'S WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE OTHER, WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT. THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MAY WITHDRAW ITS CONCURRENCE WITH THIS COMPACT UPON ONE YEAR'S WRITTEN NOTICE FROM THE BALTIMORE DISTRICT ENGINEER TO THE GOVERNOR OF EACH STATE.

5.8 THIS COMPACT MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

EACH PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE PRESENTED IN RESOLUTION FORM TO THE GOVERNOR OF EACH STATE AND THE BALTIMORE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. AN AMENDMENT TO THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY AFTER IT HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY THE LEGISLATURES OF BOTH SIGNATORY STATES AND CONCURRED IN BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BALTIMORE DISTRICT. AMENDMENTS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE LAST CONCURRENCE OR RATIFICATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take effect until a similar Act is passed by the State of West Virginia; that the legislature of the State of West Virginia is requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the passage of a similar Act; that the Department of Legislative Reference shall notify the appropriate officials of the ~~State~~ State of West Virginia of the passage of this Act; and that upon the concurrence in this Act by the State of West Virginia, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective.