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AN ACT relating to water; increasing the limit on the assessment for water distribution expenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides that when a stream system irrigates more than 200,000 acres of land, the assessment for water distribution must not exceed 30 cents per acre-foot of water decreed. (NRS 533.280) This bill increases the assessment limit to \$1 per acre-foot of water decreed.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 533.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:
533.280 1. The State Engineer shall, between the first Monday of October and the first Monday of December of each year, prepare a budget of the amount of money estimated to be necessary to pay the expenses of the stream system or each water district for the then current year.

2. The budget must show the following detail:

- (a) The aggregate amount estimated to be necessary to pay the expenses of the stream system or water district.
- (b) The aggregate water rights in the stream system or water district as determined by the State Engineer or the court.
- (c) The unit charge necessary to provide the money required.
- (d) The charge against each water user, which must be based upon the proportion which the water right of that water user bears to the aggregate water rights in the stream system, but the minimum charge is \$1.

3. When the stream system lies in more than one county, a separate budget must be prepared for each county showing only the claimants and charges assessable within the county.

4. When the stream system irrigates more than 200,000 acres of land, the assessment for water distribution expenses must not exceed ~~30 cents~~ *\$1* per acre-foot of water decreed.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.



