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# HOUSE BILL NO. 296

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KENNEDY AND HEGEMAN (Co-sponsors).

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 640.107, RSMo 2000, relating to technical assistance for public water systems, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 640.107, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 640.107, to read as follows:

640.107. 1. There is hereby established, as a subfund of the water and wastewater fund established in section 644.122, RSMo, the "Drinking Water Revolving Fund", which shall be maintained and accounted for separately, and which shall consist of moneys from all lawful public and private sources including legislative appropriations, federal capitalization grants, interest on investments and principal and interest payments with respect to loans made from the drinking water revolving fund. Money in the drinking water revolving fund may be used only for purposes as are authorized in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended.

2. The commission shall, consistent with the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act for the drinking water revolving fund to become eligible for capitalization grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, establish criteria and procedures for the selection of projects and the making of loans or the grant of loan subsidies for disadvantaged communities.

3. After providing for review and public comment, and in accordance with the requirements for such plans set forth in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the commission shall annually prepare an intended use plan for the funds available in the drinking water revolving fund.

4. Consistent with the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and only to the extent funds are available to be obligated for eligible projects of public water systems, in

19 developing its annual intended use plan, the commission shall make available no less than  
20 thirty-five percent, but may make available greater than thirty-five percent, of the moneys  
21 credited to the drinking water revolving fund solely for project loans and loan subsidies for  
22 projects of systems serving fewer than ten thousand people in accordance with the following:

23	Systems Serving:	Percentage:
24	0 - 3,300 people	20%
25	3,301 - 9,999 people	15%

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27 provided that, in any fiscal year, loan subsidies may not exceed the maximum percentage as  
28 specified in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. In any fiscal year in which there are  
29 insufficient applicants and projects in the population categories listed in this subsection to  
30 allocate the percentages of funds specified pursuant to this subsection, any balance of funds  
31 otherwise reserved for systems serving fewer than ten thousand people shall be available for  
32 obligation to eligible projects from any eligible applicant. Such uncommitted balances shall be  
33 redistributed in accordance with the intended use plan.

34 5. The department shall make available two percent of the moneys from the federal  
35 capitalization grants received pursuant to this section for training and technical assistance to  
36 public water systems serving fewer than ten thousand people. Training and technical assistance  
37 provided pursuant to this subsection shall be consistent with rules of the commission. **The**  
38 **department shall request proposals for any person with experience in providing training**  
39 **and technical assistance to small public water systems to provide such training and**  
40 **technical assistance services by contract. The commission shall establish criteria and**  
41 **procedures for such proposal requests and shall consider, approve and award contracts.**