

House Concurrent Resolution No. 68

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, each of us expects and deserves safe drinking water. In Missouri, our
2 sources of water supply continue to be pure and plentiful; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, water absorbs naturally occurring minerals as it travels over the surface of
5 the land or through the ground, and may also pick up substances resulting from animal and
6 human activity; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, substances and contaminants that could be present in source water include:
9 microbes, organic and inorganic chemicals, pesticides and herbicides, as well as dangerous
10 radioactive materials; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, exposure to radioactive particles and rays released by uranium and related
13 materials increase cancer and other life-threatening diseases, and may cause genetic mutations
14 and birth defects; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, in 1973, contractors responsible for cleaning up Latty Avenue illegally
17 dumped large amounts of Latty/Airport residues at West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, after drying
18 and shipping operations had been abandoned; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, West Lake is in the Missouri River floodplain, and some of the buried
21 radioactive wastes are already in contact with the groundwater that flows into the Missouri River,
22 upstream from drinking water intakes for North St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, West Lake Landfill is adjacent to the Earth City levee, and since levees can
25 fail, the radioactive materials at West Lake could be released in an uncontrolled manner into the
26 Missouri River; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the safety of tap water, the federal Environmental
29 Protection Agency, along with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, collaboratively
30 regulates the amount of contaminants allowed in public drinking water to ensure its safety:

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32 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
33 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
34 concurring therein, hereby request American Water Company to quarterly test the drinking water
35 at the North County Water Treatment Facility in order to assure that dangerous contaminants are
36 never present; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
39 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for American
40 Water Company and Sara Parker Pauley, the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural
41 Resources.

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