**BACKGROUND**

When Metropolitan Water District was formed in 1928, the number of seats a member agency would have on the Board was determined by assessed valuation since Metropolitan relied on property taxes.

Today, Metropolitan is no longer funded through property taxes but continues to use the same system established more than 80 years ago as the basis for assigning seats and voting weight among its member agencies.

**PROBLEM**

With increasing urbanization and development, many areas throughout the region are experiencing changes in their assessed valuation. Urban areas, which are fully developed and assessed at a low economic base, see less of an increase in their property values, as compared to other un-developed areas offering future growth and development potential.

Losing one of two seats on the Metropolitan Board would be detrimental to fully developed areas assessed at low economic base. Reduced representation at Metropolitan affects the ability to sustain the level of efficacy on water policy matters, while continuing to provide a reliable source of water.

**SOLUTION**

This bill seeks to lock the current number of seats for each district on the MWD board, this will insure that each district can be represented fairly.

**STATUS**

Chaptered, Chapter 71

**SUPPORT**

Central Basin Municipal Water District  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
City of Lakewood  
City of Vernon  
Suburban Water Systems  
Tract 180

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