

455B.183A Water quality protection fund.

1. A water quality protection fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department. The fund consists of moneys appropriated to the fund by the general assembly, moneys deposited into the fund from fees described in subsection 2, moneys deposited into the fund from fees collected pursuant to sections 455B.187 and 455B.190A, and other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the department from the United States government or private sources for placement in the fund. The fund is divided into the public water supply system account and the private water supply system account. Moneys in the public water supply system account are appropriated to the department for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this division, which relate to the administration, regulation, and enforcement of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and to support the program to assist supply systems, as provided in section 455B.183B. Moneys in the private water supply system account are appropriated to the department for the purpose of supporting the programs established to protect private drinking water supplies as provided in sections 455B.187, 455B.188, 455B.190, and 455B.190A.

2. The commission shall adopt fees as required pursuant to section 455B.105 for permits required for public water supply systems as provided in sections 455B.174 and 455B.183. Fees paid pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the sales or services tax. The fees shall be for each of the following:

a. The construction, installation, or modification of a public water supply system. The amount of the fees may be based on the type of system being constructed, installed, or modified.

b. The operation of a public water supply system, including any part of the system. The commission shall adopt a fee schedule which shall be based on the total number of persons served by public water supply systems in this state. However, a public water supply system shall be assessed a fee of at least twenty-five dollars. A public water supply system not owned or operated by a community and serving a transient population shall be assessed a fee of twenty-five dollars. The commission shall calculate all fees in the schedule to produce total revenues equaling three hundred fifty thousand dollars for each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996. For each fiscal year, the fees shall be deposited into the public water supply system account. By May 1 of each year, the department shall estimate the total revenue expected to be collected from the overpayment of fees, which are all fees in excess of the amount of the total revenues which are expected to be collected under the current fee schedule, and the total revenue expected to be collected from the payment of fees during the next fiscal year. The commission shall adjust the fees if the estimate exceeds the amount of revenue required to be deposited in the account pursuant to this paragraph.

3. Moneys in the fund are subject to an annual audit by the auditor of state. The fund is subject to warrants by the director of the department of administrative services, drawn upon the written requisition of the department.

4. Section 8.33 does not apply to moneys in the fund. Moneys earned as income, including interest from the fund, shall remain in the fund until expended.

5. On or before November 15 of each fiscal year, the department shall transmit to the department of management and the legislative services agency information regarding the fund and accounts, including all of the following:

a. The balance of unobligated and unencumbered moneys in each account as of November 1.

b. A summary of revenue deposited in and expenditures from each account during the current fiscal year.

c. Estimates of revenues expected to be deposited into the public water supply system account during the current fiscal year, and an estimate of the expected balance of unobligated and unencumbered moneys in the account on June 30 of the current fiscal year.

94 Acts, ch 1198, §48; 95 Acts, ch 216, §39; 2003 Acts, ch 30, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §45, 49; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2005 Acts, ch 29, §1, 2