

CHAPTER 213
COMPACT AMONG STATES BORDERING THE MISSOURI RIVER
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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a compact between the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska regarding the Missouri river.

WHEREAS, efforts have been initiated in the legislatures of Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas to establish a compact between those states and this state for the purpose of promoting barge traffic on the Missouri river as it flows between and within those states; and

WHEREAS, the general assembly of this state desires to support the efforts to establish the compact; NOW THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the governor is requested to negotiate on behalf of the state of Iowa with the states of Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas, and present a compact with those states to the next general assembly in form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I

The purposes of this compact are to provide for planning for the most efficient use of the waters of the segment of the Missouri river below Sioux City, Iowa, to increase the amount of barge traffic on that segment of the Missouri river which flows between and within the compact states, to take necessary steps to develop that segment of the Missouri river and its banks to handle more barge traffic than is presently handled, to encourage the use of barges on that segment of the Missouri river for transporting bulk goods, especially farm commodities, to ensure that the intended increase in barge traffic does not impose unacceptable damage on the Missouri river in all its various uses, including agriculture, wild life management, and recreational opportunities, and to promote joint action between the compact parties to accomplish these purposes.

ARTICLE II

It is the responsibility of the four states to accomplish the purposes in article I through the official in each state who is charged with the duty of administering the public waters and to collect and correlate through those officials the data necessary for the proper administration of the compact. Those officials may, by unanimous action, adopt rules and regulations to accomplish the purposes of this compact.

ARTICLE III

The states of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska agree that within a reasonable time they shall fulfill the obligations of this compact and that each shall authorize the proper official or agency in its state to take the

necessary steps to promote the use of barges and develop the Missouri river as it flows between and within the compact states for greater amounts of barge traffic.

ARTICLE IV

This compact does not limit the powers granted in any other act to enter into interstate or other agreements relating to the Missouri river flowing between and within the compact states, alter the relations between the respective internal responsibilities of the government of a party state and its subdivisions, or impair or affect any rights, powers, or jurisdiction of the United States, or those acting by or under its authority, in, over, and to those waters of the Missouri river. The adoption of this compact by the general assembly shall not require the state of Iowa to adopt any legislation or to appropriate funds for its implementation.

ARTICLE V

Unless this compact is entered into on or before July 1, 1984, the governor shall take no further action to secure the compact.

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