

28L.1 State interagency Missouri river authority created duties.

1. A state interagency Missouri river authority is created. The members of the authority shall include the governor or the governor's designee, the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee, the chairperson of the utilities board or the chairperson's designee, and the directors of the department of natural resources, the state department of transportation, and the department of economic development or the directors' designees. The governor shall serve as chairperson. The director of the department of natural resources shall serve as the coordinator of the authority's activities and shall serve as chairperson in the absence of the governor.
2. The authority shall be responsible for representing the interests of this state with regard to its membership in the Missouri river basin association and to promote the management of the Missouri river in a manner that does not negatively impact landowners along the river or negatively impact the state's economy. The Missouri river basin association is an interstate association of government representatives formed to seek consensus solutions to issues impacting the Missouri river basin.
3. The state interagency Missouri river authority shall not vote to approve or disapprove a substantive proposal or action being considered by the Missouri river basin association without the agreement of the directors of all four state departments and the chairperson of the utilities board who are members of the authority. If a substantive proposal or action considered by the association is not approved or disapproved by all four directors and the chairperson of the utilities board, the state shall abstain from voting on the proposal or action.
4. The state interagency Missouri river authority shall meet regularly with stakeholder groups in this state to receive their recommendations before substantive proposals or actions are voted upon or to receive policy positions to submit to the Missouri river basin association.

2002 Acts, ch 1009, §1