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To create the Water Access To Every Residence Task Force. 1
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) There is hereby created the Water Access To Every Residence Task Force consisting of the following eight members: 3
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(1) The Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia who shall be the chairperson of the Task Force; 6
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(2) A representative of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio appointed by the Association; 8
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(3) A representative of the Ohio Townships Association appointed by the Association; 10
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(4) A representative of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation appointed by the Federation; 12
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(5) A representative of the Ohio Rural Water Association appointed by the Association; 14
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(6) A representative of the Ohio Small Communities Environmental Infrastructure Group appointed by the Governor; 16
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| (7) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; | 18 19 |
| (8) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. | 20 21 |
| (B) Members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than fifteen days after the effective date of this section. Not more than four members of the Task Force shall be members of the same political party. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. | 22 23 24 25 26 |
| (C) The Task Force shall meet at least once per month. The Department of Development shall provide the Task Force with a meeting room and with administrative assistance that the Task Force needs to perform its duties. | 27 28 29 30 |
| (D) Serving as a member of the Task Force does not constitute holding a public office or position of employment under the laws of this state and does not constitute grounds for removal of public officers or employees from their offices or positions of employment. | 31 32 33 34 35 |
| (E) The Task Force shall identify residential communities and geographic areas of Ohio in which potable drinking water is not readily accessible. The Task Force shall develop strategies for providing access to potable drinking water, including strategies for financing drinking water projects. | 36 37 38 39 40 |
| (F) Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, the Task Force shall issue a report to the General Assembly of its findings and recommendations regarding strategies for providing access to potable drinking water in Ohio. Upon submission of the report, the Task Force shall cease to exist. | 41 42 43 44 45 |