

**CHAPTER xciv.**

An Act to empower the Glamorgan County Council to make inquiries and surveys with a view to the utilisation of water supplies in South Wales and for other purposes. A.D. 1906.

[20th July 1906.]

**W**HEREAS it is the duty of the County Council of the administrative county of Glamorgan (which Council is hereinafter called "the Council" and which county is hereinafter called "the county") under the Local Government Act 1894 to exercise certain powers as in that Act mentioned where a danger arises to the health of the inhabitants of any parish from the insufficiency and unwholesomeness of the existing supply of water and a proper supply can be got at a reasonable cost:

And whereas there are many places in the mining districts of the county insufficiently supplied with water but by reason of the physical conformation thereof and the mineral workings great difficulty has been found in obtaining local supplies of good quality at reasonable cost:

And whereas it is expedient that the Council should be empowered to make inquiries and surveys with a view to the economic provision of good supplies of water from sources without as well as within the county and that other powers should be conferred upon the Council as in this Act provided:

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas an absolute majority of the whole number of the Council at a meeting held on the seventh day of December

A.D. 1906. one thousand nine hundred and five after ten clear days notice by public advertisement of such meeting and of the purpose thereof in the South Wales Daily News being a local newspaper published and circulating in the county of Glamorgan such notice being in addition to the ordinary notices required for summoning such meeting resolved that the expense in relation to promoting the Bill for this Act should be paid out of the county fund :

And whereas such resolution was published twice in the said South Wales Daily News and has received the approval of the Local Government Board :

And whereas the propriety of the promotion of the Bill for this Act was confirmed by an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Council at a further special meeting held in pursuance of a similar notice on the fifteenth day of March one thousand nine hundred and six being not less than fourteen days after the deposit of the Bill for this Act in Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Glamorgan and South Wales Water Act 1906.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—  
“ The county ” means the administrative county of Glamorgan ;  
“ The Council ” means the county council of the county ;  
“ The county fund ” means the county fund of the county ;  
“ The South Wales counties ” means the administrative counties of Carmarthen Cardigan Monmouth Radnor and Brecon and the county ;  
“ Local authority ” means any district council or joint water board having power to supply water.

**3.** The Council may make inquiries as to the existing supplies of water within the county and as to the possible sources of supply in the South Wales counties and may cause surveys and estimates to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the best means and the probable cost of utilising such sources of supply :

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Power to Council to make inquiries and surveys.

Provided that for the purpose of making surveys under this section the Council shall not enter upon any lands except with the consent of the owner or occupier of such lands Provided also that the making of surveys under this section shall not be deemed to confer upon the Council any preferential right to water in or upon any lands surveyed by the Council.

The Council shall at the request of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries furnish for the use of that Board such information as to rainfall and the gauging of waters which may be obtained by the Council under the powers conferred by this section as may be reasonably required by the Board.

**4.** The expenditure of the Council under the last preceding section shall not in any financial year exceed one thousand pounds.

Limit on expenditure.

**5.**—(1) Any local authority in the county may by resolution request the Council to negotiate or contract with any authority or company authorised or seeking to be authorised to supply water from any source of supply in the South Wales counties for a supply of water in bulk to such local authority and the Council may subject to any conditions in the resolution expressed negotiate and contract on behalf and at the cost of such local authority accordingly.

Power to negotiate as to supply in bulk.

(2) Nothing in this section contained shall entitle the Council to object to any application to Parliament or the Local Government Board by any local authority in the county for powers to supply their district with water on account of the refusal on the part of such local authority to negotiate or contract with the Council under this section.

**6.** All expenses incurred by the Council in carrying into execution the provisions of this Act shall be paid out of the county fund and shall be deemed to be expenses for general county purposes.

Expenses of execution of Act.

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Costs of Act.

7. The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto as taxed and ascertained by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons shall be paid by the Council out of the county fund.

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