Public Law 94-181
94th Congress

An Act

To amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956, as amended.

Dec. 27, 1975
[H.R. 6874]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 (70 Stat. 1044) as amended, is further amended as follows:

Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956, amendments.

(a) Subsection 2(d) of the Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

43 USC 422k.

"(d) The term 'project' shall mean (i) any complete irrigation project, or (ii) any multiple-purpose water resource project that is authorized or is eligible for authorization under the Federal reclamation laws, or (iii) any distinct unit of a project described in clause (i) and (ii) or (iv) any project for the drainage of irrigated lands, without regard to whether such lands are irrigated with water supplies developed pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws, or (v) any project for the rehabilitation and betterment of a project or distinct unit described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv): *Provided*, That the estimated total cost of the project described in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) does not exceed the maximum allowable estimated total project cost as determined by subsection (f) hereof: *Provided further*, That a project described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) may consist of existing facilities as distinct from newly constructed facilities, and funds made available pursuant to this Act may be utilized to acquire such facilities subject to a determination by the Secretary that such facilities meet standards of design and construction which he shall promulgate and that the cost of such existing facilities represent less than fifty per centum of the cost of the project. Nothing contained in this Act shall preclude the making of more than one loan or grant, or combined loan and grant, to an organization so long as no two such loans or grants, or combinations thereof, are for the same project, as herein defined.".

"Project."
43 USC 422b.

(b) Section 2, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection (f) as follows:

Project cost, maximum amount.

"(f) The maximum allowable estimated total project cost of a proposal submitted during any given calendar year shall be determined by the Secretary using the Bureau of Reclamation composite construction cost index for January of that year with $15,000,000 as the January 1971 base.".

(c) Section 4, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection (d) as follows:

Project proposal, submittal to Congress.
43 USC 422d.

"(d) At the time of his submitting the project proposal to the Congress, or at any subsequent time prior to completion of construction of the project, including projects heretofore approved, the Secretary may increase the amount of the requested loan and/or grant to an amount within the maximum allowed by subsection (a) of section 5 of the Act as herein amended, to compensate for increases in construction costs due to price escalation.".

43 USC 422e.

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43 USC 422d. (d) Section 4, as amended, is further amended by changing subsection (d) to subsection (e) and by changing the reference in the last sentence of the renumbered subsection from (d) to (e).

(e) Section 4, as amended, is further amended by changing subsection (e) to subsection (f).

43 USC 422e. (f) Subsection 5(a), as amended, is further amended by deleting "$10,000,000 or" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "two-thirds of the maximum allowable estimated total project cost as determined by subsection (f) of section 2, or".

43 USC 422b. 43 USC 422j. (g) Section 10, as amended, is further amended by deleting "$300,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the amount of "$400,000,000".

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