

**PUBLIC DOMAIN
CHAPTER 83A
STATE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES**

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83A.01 [Repealed, 1971 c 25 s 19]

83A.015 TRANSFER OF POWERS AND DUTIES.

All the powers and duties now vested in, or imposed upon the state geographic board under this chapter, are transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of natural resources. The state geographic board as heretofore constituted is abolished.

History: 1969 c 1129 art 3 s 3

83A.02 POWERS AND DUTIES.

It shall be the duty of the commissioner of natural resources, and he shall have power and authority:

- (1) To determine the correct and most appropriate names of the lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state, and the spelling thereof;
- (2) To pass upon and give names to lakes, streams, places, and other geographic features in the state for which no single, generally accepted name has been in use;
- (3) In cooperation with the county boards and with their approval, to change the names of lakes, streams, places, and other geographic features, with the end in view of eliminating, as far as possible, duplication of names within the state;
- (4) To prepare and publish an official state dictionary of geographic names and to publish the same, either as a completed whole or in parts, when ready;
- (5) To serve as the state representative of the United States geographic board and to cooperate with that board to the end that there shall be no conflict between the state and federal designations of geographic features in the state.

History: 1937 c 63 s 2; 1971 c 25 s 20 (128-3)

83A.03 NAMES GIVEN TO BE OFFICIAL.

When the commissioner of natural resources shall have given a name to any lake, stream, place, or other geographic feature within the state, such name shall be used in all maps, records, documents, and other publications issued by the state or any of its departments and political subdivisions, and such names shall be deemed the official name of such geographic feature.

History: 1937 c 63 s 3; 1971 c 25 s 21 (128-4)

83A.04 COUNTY BOARDS NAMING GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES MUST HAVE APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

No county board shall order the change of or establish the name of any lake, river, or other body of water without the written approval of the commissioner of natural resources endorsed on any resolution determining or fixing such name, which endorsement must be made on the same prior to recording with the county recorder.

History: 1937 c 63 s 4; 1971 c 25 s 22; 1976 c 181 s 2 (128-5)