

**24-1233. Districts established prior to July 1, 1961; confirmation and validation; procedure.** Whenever any watershed district has heretofore been created and established under the watershed district act and all amendments thereto, the chief engineer shall fix a time for a hearing upon the question of whether the lands within the district so created and established, or a part thereof, are subject to erosion, floodwater or sediment damage or would be benefited by the construction of works for the conservation, development, utilization or disposal of water, and shall give notice thereof at the expense of the district for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation within the district, the last publication to be at least five days before the day fixed for the hearing.

Such notice need not describe the boundaries of the district as previously created and established but shall state the name or general location thereof and shall state that a hearing will be held by the chief engineer on whether or not the lands within the district so created and established, or a part thereof, are subject to erosion, floodwater or sediment damage or would be benefited by the construction of works for the conservation, development, utilization or disposal of water, shall state the day and hour of the hearing, and that all persons may appear before the chief engineer at such hearing and be heard. If, after such hearing, the chief engineer determines that the lands within the district so created and established, or a part thereof, are subject to erosion, floodwater or sediment damage or would be benefited by the construction of works for the conservation, development, utilization or disposal of water, the public necessity of such district is hereby declared, and the creation and establishment of such district shall be and is hereby ratified, validated and confirmed.

**History:** L. 1961, ch. 193, § 3; July 1.