

**Senate Committee Approves Bill Promoted By Privately-Owned Water Companies
To Set Up Publicly-Owned Water/Wastewater Systems For Takeovers...**

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"Senate Bill 597 (Stefano-R-Fayette) would impose conflicting and expensive requirements on small water and wastewater systems for no benefit to their customers and if they can't comply they would come under the regulation of the Public Utility Commission.

The bill was changed in Committee with a gut and replacement amendment to move the entire contents of the bill to Title 66 related to the Public Utility Commission which leaves no doubt about its intent."

This is a piece of legislation that is extremely dangerous to small authorities (such as ours.) It could lead to many publicly-owned authorities being susceptible to purchase by privately-owned (read: for-profit) systems... which would lead ultimately to much higher consumer rates.

The bill is opposed by the following organizations:

- ~ PA Rural Water Assn.
- ~ PA Municipal Authorities Assn.
- ~ Water Works Operators Assn. of PA
- ~ PA Water Environment Assn.
- ~ PA State Assn. of Township Supervisors
- ~ PA State Assn. of Boroughs
- ~ PA Municipal League

If you value the service we provide, please contact our state senator and ask her to oppose this SB 597:

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