

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PITTS, ARTY, SALVATORE, WILT, MAIALE, JACKSON,
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E. H. SMITH, BORSKI, LASHINGER AND GRUPPO, FEBRUARY 3, 1981

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, MARCH 9, 1981

In the House of Representatives, February 3, 1981

1 WHEREAS, The proliferation of small water companies under the
2 jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is
3 evidenced by an increasing number of requests for franchise
4 delineations; and

5 WHEREAS, Experience with the contents of said applications
6 for franchise areas fails to require such details as may be
7 required by reviewing agencies and the public to properly
8 evaluate the effect of such franchise on the public interest;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
11 Commission provide no definitive standards to measure adequacy
12 of service once a franchise is granted; and

13 WHEREAS, In the event of abandonment of water service by a
14 small utility once granted, there is no provision for
15 implementation of alternate service provided within the
16 regulations; and

1 WHEREAS, Review procedures regarding mandatory conservation
2 requirements imposed by a utility are not provided within the
3 Public Utility Commission regulations; and

4 WHEREAS, In the public interest, these and other issues to
5 protect the public should be investigated, modified where
6 appropriate and reinforced where necessary; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the Joint Legislative
8 Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee is
9 directed to conduct an investigation of the regulations and
10 procedures of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in
11 order to ensure the public that adequate water service will be
12 provided by the utilities under its jurisdiction; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, THAT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AIR AND WATER POLLUTION <—
15 CONTROL AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS,
16 TOGETHER WITH ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION OR
17 OTHERWISE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS SOON AS ITS INVESTIGATION
18 IS COMPLETED; AND BE IT FURTHER

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
20 Chairman of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution
21 Control and Conservation Committee.