

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 351

**PRINTER'S NO.** 273

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 30, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Erickson

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, Jan. 30, 2013  
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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 351 amends the Municipality Authorities Act (Chapter 56 of Title 53) by adding storm water management planning and projects to the purposes and powers of municipal authorities.

Section 5607 of Chapter 56 of Title 53 enumerates the specific purposes and powers of municipal authorities. For example, the list includes purposes such as sewer systems, water distribution systems, airports, parking spaces, industrial development projects, etc. Senate Bill 351 adds "storm water management planning and projects" as a purpose and power for which a municipal authority may be incorporated.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Senate Bill 351 provides municipal authorities with the ability to engage in storm water management planning and projects, but they are not mandated to do so.

Section 5607(d)(9) currently allows municipal authorities to fix reasonable and uniform rates in the area served by its facilities. Presumably, any additional costs incurred from engaging in storm water management planning and projects will be recovered through rates imposed by the authority for its services.