

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 282

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CONSOLIDATED WATERWORKS SYSTEMS; TO AMEND THE GENERAL POWERS OF A PUBLIC BODY; TO AUTHORIZE FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS WITH REVENUE BONDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CONSOLIDATED WATERWORKS SYSTEMS; TO AMEND THE GENERAL POWERS OF A PUBLIC BODY; AND TO AUTHORIZE FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS WITH REVENUE BONDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-20-306(a), concerning the general powers of a public body under the Consolidated Waterworks Authorization Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(18)(A) Own, acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip, improve, operate, maintain, sell, lease, or otherwise deal or dispose of any land, buildings, or facilities that can be used for residential or multifamily housing or commercial or industrial purposes in furtherance or support of community redevelopment, utilization of stranded waterworks infrastructure, or economic development; and

(B) In furtherance of the powers provided under subdivision (a)(18)(A) of this section, public body under this subchapter may exercise any and all of its other powers including without limitation the power to borrow money and to provide security for or payment of borrowed



money; and

(19) Provide the following plumbing services, subject to the Arkansas Plumbing Code, for a fee to retail customers of the public body, including without limitation:

(A) Services related to pressure reduction devices and backflow prevention devices, including without limitation:

- (i) Removal;
- (ii) Storage;
- (iii) Testing;
- (iv) Repair;
- (v) Replacement; and
- (vi) Installation;

(B) Sprinkler system maintenance and repair;

(C) Service line repair and replacement; and

(D) Leak detection.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-20-310, concerning improvements and financing with revenue bonds under the Consolidated Waterworks Authorization Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(k)(1) The public body created under this subchapter may issue bonds for projects in furtherance or support of community redevelopment, utilization of stranded infrastructure, or economic development authorized by this subsection.

(2) Bonds issued under this subsection may be used to finance the following projects:

- (A) Wastewater system improvements;
- (B) Storm water system improvements;
- (C) Residential or multifamily housing; and
- (D) Commercial or industrial facilities.

(3) Bonds issued under this subsection may be used to finance, in whole or in part, the project's or project:

- (A) Design;
- (B) Construction;
- (C) Reconstruction;
- (D) Equipping;
- (E) Maintenance;

(F) Improvement;

(G) Repair; and

(H) Replacement.

(4) Bonds issued under this subsection may be used to finance, in whole or in part:

(A) Interest during the period of construction of the project;

(B) Reserves for the bonds;

(C) Costs of issuing the bonds; and

(D) Any other costs and expenditures of whatever nature incidental to the accomplishment of the project.

(5) The bonds issued under this subsection shall be payable solely from revenues derived from the project being financed.

(6) The public body is not required to comply with subsections (e) and (f) of this section when issuing bonds under this subdivision.