

# HOUSE BILL No. 1018

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 13-18-16-16.

**Synopsis:** Water authority audits. Requires a nonprofit water utility that is reconstituted as a water authority to have an annual audit by a certified public accounting firm and to keep the audit report on file. Provides that the water authority is not subject to audit or examination by the state board of accounts, to the examination guidelines and reporting requirements of the state board of accounts, or to certain statutes that apply to political subdivisions.

**Effective:** July 1, 2006.

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**Robertson, Wolkins, Hinkle, Oxley**

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January 4, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities and Energy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 13-18-16-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 16. (a) A nonprofit
- 3 water utility may adopt a resolution approved by its board of directors
- 4 under this section that reconstitutes the nonprofit water utility as a
- 5 water authority to be named as provided in the resolution.
- 6 (b) A resolution adopted under this section must allow:
- 7 (1) the structure of the board of directors; and
- 8 (2) the rules governing the water authority;
- 9 to remain the same as those applicable to the nonprofit water utility.
- 10 (c) The water authority shall retain all its powers, privileges, rights,
- 11 and exemptions as a nonprofit water utility under:
- 12 (1) its existing bylaws and articles; and
- 13 (2) all laws applicable to nonprofit water utilities and local water
- 14 corporations, including powers granted under IC 32-24-4-1.
- 15 (d) **Except as provided in subsection (g)**, a water authority
- 16 constituted under this section is a political subdivision of the state.
- 17 (e) A copy of a resolution adopted under this section must be filed



1 with the secretary of state. When the secretary of state receives a copy  
2 of a resolution under this subsection, the secretary of state shall  
3 dissolve the corporate status of the nonprofit water utility for purposes  
4 of state law.

5 (f) A water authority constituted under this section shall:

6 (1) remain obligated under any existing contracts or agreements;  
7 and

8 (2) remain obligated and assume the indebtedness;  
9 of the nonprofit water utility.

10 (g) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to ~~subsection~~  
11 **subsections (h) and (i)**, a water authority constituted under this section  
12 is subject only to the laws applicable to nonprofit water utilities and  
13 local water corporations **and is not subject to the following:**

- 14 (1) IC 5-3.
- 15 (2) IC 5-4-1.
- 16 (3) IC 5-11.
- 17 (4) IC 5-13.
- 18 (5) IC 5-14-1.5.
- 19 (6) IC 5-14-3.
- 20 (7) IC 5-22.
- 21 (8) IC 36-1-8.
- 22 (9) IC 36-1-10.
- 23 (10) IC 36-1-10.5.
- 24 (11) IC 36-1-11.
- 25 (12) IC 36-1-12.
- 26 (13) IC 36-1-15.

27 (h) A water authority constituted under this section is subject to  
28 IC 8-1.5-3-8 for purposes of setting rates and charges.

29 (i) **For each fiscal or calendar year of a water authority**  
30 **constituted under this section that ends after December 31, 2006,**  
31 **the water authority:**

32 (1) shall:

33 (A) have an audit of its financial records performed by an  
34 independent certified public accounting firm; and

35 (B) keep the audit report on file at the water authority; and

36 (2) notwithstanding IC 5-11-1-9, is not subject to the  
37 following:

38 (A) Audit or examination by the state board of accounts.

39 (B) The examination guidelines and reporting  
40 requirements of the state board of accounts.

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