

CHAPTER 642.

AN ACT to renumber 66.077, 66.078, 66.079 and 66.08 to be 66.078, 66.079, 66.08 and 66.081, respectively, and to create 66.077 of the statutes, relating to the combining and financing of water and sewer utilities and the functions of the public service commission in connection with such combined utilities.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.077, 66.078, 66.079 and 66.08 are renumbered to be 66.078, 66.079, 66.08 and 66.081 of the statutes, respectively.

SECTION 2. 66.077 of the statutes is created to read:

66.077 COMBINING WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES. (1) Any town, village, or city of the fourth class may construct, acquire, or lease, or extend and improve, a plant and equipment within or without its corporate limits for the furnishing of water to the municipality or to its inhabitants, and for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage, including the lateral, main and intercepting sewers, and all equipment necessary in connection therewith. Such plant and equipment, whether the structures and equipment for the furnishing of water and for the disposal of sewage shall be combined or separate, may by ordinance be constituted a single public utility.

(2) All of the provisions of chapters 66, 196 and 197 as the same shall have been and from time to time may be amended or recreated, relating to a waterworks system, including, but not limited to, those provisions relating to the regulation of a waterworks system by the public service commission, shall apply to such combined waterworks and sewage disposal system as a single public utility. In prescribing rates, accounting and engineering practices, extension rules, service standards or other regulations for such a combined waterworks and sewage disposal system, the public service commission shall treat the waterworks system and the sewage disposal system separately, unless such commission shall find that the public interest requires otherwise.

(3) Any town, village, or city of the fourth class which now owns or hereafter may acquire a waterworks plant and system and a plant or system for the treatment or disposal of sewage may by ordinance combine such system into a single public utility. After the effective date of such ordinance such combined utility shall be subject to all of the provisions of this section with the same force and effect as though originally acquired as a single public utility.

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