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2019 SENATE BILL 371

August 29, 2019 - Introduced by Senators JOHNSON, CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, SHILLING, WIRCH, RINGHAND, BEWLEY and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives HAYWOOD, BROSTOFF, ZAMARRIPA, SINICKI, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CROWLEY, NEUBAUER, SHANKLAND, STUCK, MILROY, GRUSZYNSKI, SPREITZER, BILLINGS, OHNSTAD, SKOWRONSKI, C. TAYLOR, CONSIDINE and HINTZ. Referred to Committee on Utilities and Housing.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.866 (2) (td); and *to create* 13.48 (26m) and 281.61 (8) (b)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** bonding for lead service line replacement and
3 granting bonding authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state may contract up to \$74,950,000 in public debt for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. This bill increases the bonding authority for the program by \$40,000,000 and requires the Department of Administration to allocate up to \$40,000,000 of the authorized public debt to projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to cover not more than 50 percent of the cost to replace lead service lines.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 13.48 (26m) of the statutes is created to read:
5 13.48 (**26m**) LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT. The legislature finds and
6 determines that the prevalence of lead service lines in connections to public water

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1 systems poses a public health hazard and that processes for reducing lead entering
2 drinking water from such pipes requires additional treatment of wastewater. It is
3 therefore in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this state, to assist
4 private users of public water systems in replacing lead service lines.

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.866 (2) (td) of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin Act 9,
6 is amended to read:

7 20.866 (2) (td) *Safe drinking water loan program.* From the capital
8 improvement fund, a sum sufficient to be transferred to the environmental
9 improvement fund for the safe drinking water loan program under s. 281.61. The
10 state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed ~~\$71,400,000 for this~~
11 ~~purpose.~~ ~~The state may contract additional public debt in an amount up to~~
12 ~~\$3,550,000~~ \$114,950,000 for this purpose.

13 **SECTION 3.** 281.61 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

14 281.61 (8) (b) The department of administration shall allocate not more than
15 \$40,000,000 from proceeds of public debt authorized under s. 20.866 (2) (td) to
16 projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to cover
17 not more than 50 percent of the cost to replace lead service lines.

18 (END)