



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 475

October 6, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, ROYS, YOUNG, PASCH, ZEPNICK and A. WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 66.0817 (intro.); and **to create** 66.0818 of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** prohibiting privatization of certain municipal water utilities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a city, village, or town (municipality) that owns or operates a public utility is allowed to sell or lease the utility only if the municipality follows specified procedures, including obtaining the approval of the Public Service Commission. This bill prohibits a first class city that owns or operates a water utility from selling or leasing the utility to an individual or business entity, or otherwise arranging for an individual or business entity to operate the utility. The bill defines “business entity” as any organization or enterprise operated for profit, including a proprietorship, partnership, firm, business trust, joint venture, syndicate, corporation, limited liability company, or association. The bill does not affect current law regarding a sale or lease to a person that is not an individual or business entity.

For further information see the *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:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 66.0817 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

