

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 01-2736/1	Introduction Number AB-233	Estimate Type Original
Subject Sale of municipal utility property, eliminate referendum requirements		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill proposes to broaden the provisions of Chapter 66 relating to the procedures used to sell a municipal utility. There are no costs to the PSC as a result of this proposal because the PSC would still retain jurisdiction over the sale. Oversight of the sale is contained in s. 196.81, the abandonment statute and in s. 196.49 under which the PSC is required to authorize any entity acquiring the ongoing responsibility for providing the utility service.

Local Government Impact

Presumably if a municipality chose to approve the sale of its utility without referendum there would be some potential cost savings to the municipality. However, because of the significant differences between the size of Wisconsin municipalities who own utility plants it would be impossible to determine a cost savings.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

PSC - None

Local - Indeterminate