



## 2013 SENATE BILL 315

September 24, 2013 – Introduced by Senators FARROW and ELLIS, cosponsored by Representative KAUFERT. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Public Works, and Telecommunications.

- 1     **AN ACT to create** 196.137 (2) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** exceptions to the  
2     prohibition of release of customer information by a municipal utility.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a municipal utility is generally prohibited from releasing “customer information,” which is defined as any information received from customers which serves to identify customers individually by usage or account status, without the customer’s consent. The prohibition, however, has several exceptions. The exceptions are releases of customer information: 1) to certain persons who perform services or functions for municipal utilities, 2) to certain transmission and distribution utilities and operators, 3) to the Public Service Commission (PSC) or persons whom the PSC authorizes by order or rule to receive the customer information, 4) to an owner of a rental dwelling unit to whom the municipal utility provides certain past-due notices, and 5) to any other person otherwise authorized by law to receive the customer information.

This bill creates an additional exception to the prohibition of a municipal utility releasing customer information. In connection with an issue of municipal securities and to the extent the municipal utility determines release is necessary to comply with securities disclosure obligations, the municipal utility may release customer information to a lender or a purchaser, or potential purchaser, of or investor, or potential investor, in municipal securities.

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

