



State of Wisconsin
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2015 SENATE RESOLUTION 9

March 10, 2016 – Introduced by Senators C. LARSON and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1 **Relating to:** requiring the appointment of a senate committee on water issues
2 affecting Wisconsin.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The resolution requires the Committee on Senate Organization to create a special committee to 1) study the costs of water and sewer utility privatization across the United States; 2) examine the current quantity and quality of groundwater in Wisconsin with respect to contaminated wells, clean drinking water, and access to water; 3) examine the current quality and contaminants in municipal water systems with respect to lead, arsenic, and other contaminants regulated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act; and 4) gather and assess information from experts in the policy areas the committee will study, including staff from the Department of Natural Resources and the Public Service Commission. The committee must consist of three members each of the majority and minority parties. The committee must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the senate before December 31, 2016.

3 **Resolved by the senate, That** the committee on senate organization shall
4 create a special committee to study the costs of water and sewer utility privatization
5 across the United States; to examine the current quantity and quality of
6 groundwater in Wisconsin with respect to contaminated wells, clean drinking water,
7 and access to water; to examine the current quality and contaminants in municipal

1 water systems with respect to lead, arsenic, and other contaminants regulated by the
2 federal Safe Drinking Water Act; and to gather and assess information from experts
3 in the policy areas the committee will study, including staff from the department of
4 natural resources and the public service commission. The committee shall consist
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6 a report of its findings and recommendations to the senate before December 31, 2016.

7 (END)