2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 399

September 5, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives HAYWOOD, BROSTOFF, ZAMARRIPA, SINICKI, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CROWLEY, NEUBAUER, SHANKLAND, STUCK, MILROY, GRUSZYNSKI, SPREITZER, BILLINGS, OHNSTAD, SKOWRONSKI, C. TAYLOR, CONSIDINE and HINTZ, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, SHILLING, WIRCH, RINGHAND, BEWLEY and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

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

SECTION 1. 13.48 (26m) of the statutes is created to read:

13.48 (26m) LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT. The legislature finds and determines that the prevalence of lead service lines in connections to public water
systems poses a public health hazard and that processes for reducing lead entering
drinking water from such pipes requires additional treatment of wastewater. It is
therefore in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this state, to assist
private users of public water systems in replacing lead service lines.

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

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

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

281.61 (8) (b) The department of administration shall allocate not more than
$40,000,000 from proceeds of public debt authorized under s. 20.866 (2) (td) 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.

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