

HB 758 -- Sewer and Water Corporations

Sponsor: Schad

This bill allows the Missouri Public Service Commission to order a capable public utility to acquire a smaller water or sewer corporation if the water or sewer corporation violates standards that affect the safety of the service provided, fails to comply with commission orders related to the safety of the service provided, or it is not reasonable to expect that safe and adequate facilities and service will be maintained. The commission must consider alternatives to the acquisition and determine that they are impractical or not economically feasible. The price for the acquisition of a small water or sewer corporation will be determined by an agreement between the small water or sewer corporation and the acquiring capable public utility, subject to a determination by the commission that the price is reasonable.

Any capable public utility that is ordered by the commission to acquire a small water or sewer corporation will, within 30 days after acquisition, submit a plan to the commission for approval for bringing the small water or sewer corporation into compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory standards.