

HB 437 -- COMPETITIVE SERVICES OFFERED BY MUNICIPALITIES

SPONSOR: Miller

This bill prohibits a municipality from offering to provide competitive services, as defined in the bill, unless the municipality offered the services prior to August 28, 2015, the services are not being offered by a private business within the municipality, the fiscal impact to the municipality of offering the services is less than \$100,000, and the offering of the services is approved by the voters of the municipality.

Before a municipality may put the issue of offering competitive services on the ballot, the municipality must complete a feasibility study concerning the offering of the services, release the results of the study to the public at least 90 days prior to the vote, and determine the total estimated cost of the project for the municipality over the following five-year period. If the issue fails to receive a majority vote of approval, the issue cannot be resubmitted to the voters for two years.

If the municipality offers a competitive service and a private business also offers the service, the municipality cannot use revenue generated from other services offered by the municipality to provide a financial subsidy to support the service unless the voters approve a specific revenue stream for the service.