

HB 1534 -- WATER PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED BY CERTAIN CITIES

SPONSOR: Meirath

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, third class cities are authorized to acquire any real and personal property for the purpose of the construction of dams, lake and flood protection systems, bathhouses, therapeutic bathhouses, mineral water vending houses, and for the laying of pipelines for the distribution of mineral waters, provided that the properties are acquired, constructed, and maintained and operated without increasing the indebtedness of the city and are not paid for, maintained, or operated by taxes. This bill repeals the prohibition on the use of indebtedness or taxes for the construction and operation of such projects.

This bill is the same as SB 776 (2025).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the City of Excelsior Springs has multiple springs that are a large part of the town's identity. This bill would allow the city to capitalize on the uniqueness of the natural resources of the city for tourism and other economic development opportunities.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Meirath and Stacy Andreas Macy.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.