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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 447, L.D. 1359, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Locally Governed Water District Act"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~S6203.~~" by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Qualification of participating water utility. To qualify for designation by the commission under subsection 2, the governing body of the consumer-owned water utility must:

A. Affirmatively vote to participate in the pilot project. The election must be certified by the secretary or clerk of the utility. Prior to taking the vote, the utility shall hold a public hearing at which the Public Advocate and any customers of the utility may testify and may question the utility's officials regarding participation in the pilot project. Public notice of the time, date, location and purpose of the hearing must be made no less than 14 days in advance of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area encompassed by the utility. In addition, the utility shall provide one notice to each of its customers containing the same information as in the public notice, which notice must be distributed by mail or other similar means no less than 14 days prior to the hearing. A copy of the notice must be provided concurrently to the commission and the Public Advocate; and

B. Participate in an independent management audit pursuant to section 113.'

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SUMMARY

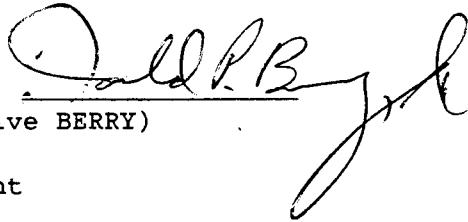
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This amendment requires a water utility district that wishes to participate in the local governance pilot project to first undergo an independent management audit.

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