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# FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Cooke Rep. Arndt	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Agriculture
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**Bill Topic:** PUC DEREGULATE NONPROFIT WATER UTILITIES

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** This bill grants simplified regulatory treatment by the Public Utilities Commission for nonprofit water companies as long as certain conditions are met.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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### Summary of Legislation

The bill grants simplified regulatory treatment by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies for nonprofit water companies as long as their rates, charges, and terms and conditions of service with their customers are just and reasonable. The PUC will resolve any complaint alleging a violation of these conditions if signed by a representative of a local jurisdiction, the chief executive officer of an affected public utility, or at least 25 customers or prospective customers of the water company that is the subject of the complaint.

### Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Currently, the PUC does not regulate any nonprofit water companies, but will respond to complaints. As such, this bill codifies current practice and will not impact the revenue, expenditures, or workload of any state agency or local government.

### Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed and applies to complaints filed on or after that date.

### State and Local Government Contacts

Counties  
Municipalities

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