

HOUSE BILL No. 5448

April 17, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Knezek and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 178, entitled

"An act to provide for the collection of water or sewage system rates, assessments, charges, or rentals; and to provide a lien for water or sewage system services furnished by municipalities as defined by this act,"

(MCL 123.161 to 123.167) by adding section 5a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 5A. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),
2 IF A MUNICIPALLY OWNED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INSTALLS A NEW
3 WATER METER AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT
4 ADDED THIS SECTION, THAT MUNICIPALLY OWNED WATER DISTRIBUTION
5 SYSTEM SHALL NOT CHARGE THE CUSTOMER FOR ANY WATER USAGE THAT WAS
6 NOT PREVIOUSLY DETECTED OR BILLED.

7 (2) IF A MUNICIPALLY OWNED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PROVIDES

1 NOTICE IN WRITING TO A CUSTOMER OF A NEW WATER METER INSTALLATION
2 AT LEAST 3 TIMES IN A 6-MONTH PERIOD AND THAT CUSTOMER REFUSES TO
3 ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER METER, THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED
4 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAY CHARGE THAT CUSTOMER FOR ANY WATER
5 USAGE THAT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY DETECTED OR BILLED.