

HOUSE BILL No. 5750

June 14, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Olumba and referred to the Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs.

A bill to provide for the listing of certain information by certain local units of government; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain local governmental officials and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "municipal water and sewer transparency act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Local unit of government" means a county, city, village,
5 township, charter township, drainage district, or authority
6 existing under the laws of this state.

7 (b) "Municipal sewage collection system" means a sewerage
8 system of a local unit of government that collects sewage or
9 combined sewage directly from the users of that system and
10 transports that sewage to a wastewater treatment facility for

1 disposal.

2 (c) "Municipal water distribution system" means a water supply
3 system of a local unit of government that receives water from a
4 water source and distributes water directly to the users or
5 ratepayers of that system.

6 (d) "Utility" means a municipal sewage collection system or
7 municipal water distribution system serving customers located
8 outside the corporate limits of a local unit of government.

9 Sec. 5. Within 30 days after a utility adopts its annual
10 operating budget, the utility shall make all of the following
11 available through a link on its website:

12 (a) The water or sewage rates charged by the utility.

13 (b) A description of any contracts with a value greater than
14 \$25,000.00 that the utility has entered into in the past year.

15 (c) A comparison of the rates charged by the utility to the
16 rates charged by other municipal sewage collection systems and
17 municipal water distribution systems in other states.

18 (d) The debts and revenues of the utility.

19 (e) The investments and improvements to the utility's
20 infrastructure implemented in the past year.