State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: S3/17/99 S3/24/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly Act 1294 of 1999 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 540 4 5 By: Senator Hopkins 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-234-108 CONCERNING 9 CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OF WATER BY A FIRST CLASS CITY 10 TO ANOTHER CITY OF THIS STATE OR TO AN IMPROVEMENT 11 12 DISTRICT CREATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. " 13 14 **Subtitle** 15 "AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE 16 OF WATER BY A FIRST CLASS CITY TO 17 ANOTHER CITY OR TO AN IMPROVEMENT 18 19 DI STRI CT. " 20 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-234-108 is amended to read as follows: 24 "(a)(1) A city of the first class owning or operating a waterworks 25 system may, in its governmental capacity, sell water at contractual rates to 26 another municipality of this state, or to an improvement district created 27 28 under the laws of this state. 29 (2) A municipality of this state, or an improvement district created under the laws of this state, may, in its governmental capacity, 30 purchase water at contractual rates from a city of the first class of this 31 state and may expend the necessary funds to connect its distribution system 32 with the supply or other mains of the selling municipality. 33 (b)(1) The contract between two (2) municipalities of this state for 34 35 the sale and purchase of water, or between a municipality of this state and an improvement district created under the laws of this state for the sale and 36

purchase of water, shall be in writing, shall be authorized by ordinances adopted by the respective governing bodies of the contracting municipalities, or by ordinance adopted by the governing body of the contracting municipality and by resolution adopted by the board of commissioners of the contracting improvement district, and shall be signed by the mayor of each contracting municipality and by the chairman of the board of each contracting improvement district.

- (2) The Unless the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission is involved in the financing and determines that a different form or length of contract would be best in meeting the long term water supply needs of the contracting parties, the contract may be for a term of not exceeding twenty (20) years and may by its terms fix the rate or rates to be paid for the water for the entire term of the contract, or may fix the rate or rates for the first year, two (2) years, or five (5) years, with appropriate provisions for arriving at the rate or rates, for each succeeding one-year, two-year, or five-year period.
- (3) The contract may also contain other appropriate provisions which will protect the respective interest of the contracting parties."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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