

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb494.

deleting lines 28, 29, 30, and 31 on page 1 in their entireties and substituting therefor the following:

"and sewer facilities."

AND

by deleting lines 4, 5, and 6 on page 2 in their entireties and substituting therefor the following:

"(c) With regard to water transmission line projects which (1) will have as their water source a lake or reservoir which is administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, (2) will provide service to at least three wholesale water purchasers, and (3) have been recognized by the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission as being in compliance with the Arkansas Water Plan, it shall be no objection to the exercise of condemnation power hereunder that the real property to be condemned is located outside of the boundaries of the county exercising its eminent domain powers hereunder."

AND

by adding the following new section on line 7 of page 2:

"SECTION 2. Legislative Finding. It is hereby found and determined that Saline, White, and Lonoke Counties, as well as other counties within the state, are currently developing water transmission line projects which would have as their water supply source certain lakes within the state which are administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, including Lake Ouachita and Greers Ferry Lake. Transmission facilities could be constructed from intake facilities on the shores of said lakes which would transmit raw or potable water across multiple counties for delivery and sale on a wholesale basis to various of the state s communities and water associations including Chicot Road Water Improvement District, City of Haskell, Salem Water Users Association, Sardis Water Association, Southwest Water Association, City of Tull, City of Cabot, City of Beebe, City of Austin, City of Ward, Highway 319 Water Association, Bayou II Water Association, and Enola-Mt.Vernon Water Association. The financing and development of these projects is provided by, among other sources, the sale of bonds, the extension of loans from governmental agencies, and the securing of governmental grants. Due to fluctuations in interest rates and the requirements of various governmental agencies, delays associated with pipeline easement acquisition cannot occur without jeopardizing the viability of the water transmission line project and, accordingly, placing at risk the reliable water sources which are urgently needed by the communities to be benefited thereby."

AND

by renumbering subsequent sections of the bill.