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Amendment Form

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 311.

Amend Senate Bill No. 311 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 14 and substitute the following: "TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 16, line 22, add a Section 3 as follows:

"SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that the Arkansas laws for the operation and management of municipal waterworks are inadequate to accommodate the merger of two (2) or more large municipal waterworks; that a new law is needed to protect the financial and governmental interests of the various municipalities involved in consolidating the various municipal waterworks systems; that the financial savings and economies of scale which are anticipated from the merger will make the consolidation in the best interest of the citizens of the merging municipalities; that the consolidation agreement was achieved through persistent and complex negotiations balancing the various municipal interests involved and it is therefore necessary that the law take effect at a time prescribed by that agreement. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on June 30, 2001."