

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
91st General Assembly - Regular Session, 2017  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1829**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANNEXATION AND THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE AND  
OTHER RELATED SERVICES.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1829**

Amend House Bill No. 1829 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:  
"AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE TO A  
MUNICIPALITY BY A RURAL WATER SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:  
"TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE TO A MUNICIPALITY  
BY A RURAL WATER SERVICE."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:  
"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-208-102(a)(1), concerning the right to  
acquire rural water service properties, facilities, and customers, is amended  
to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Unless otherwise agreed between a municipality that owns or  
operates a water service and a rural water service, the inclusion by  
annexation of any part of the assigned service area of a rural water service  
within the boundaries of any Arkansas municipality shall not in any respect  
impair or affect the rights of the rural water service to continue operations  
and extend water service throughout any part of its assigned service area  
unless a municipality that owns or operates a water service elects to  
purchase from the rural water service all customers, distribution properties,  
and facilities located within the municipality reasonably utilized or  
reasonably necessary to serve customers of the rural water service within the  
annexed areas under this chapter, excluding water sources, treatment plants,  
and storage serving customers outside the annexed areas.

(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(1), "continue  
operations" means to continue setting meters, reading meters, and supplying  
water.

(C) Under this section, a municipality has the exclusive



right with regard to water service provided by the rural water service to:

(i) Conduct inspections of the water system within the municipality;

(ii) Issue and regulate permits for the water system within the municipality; and

(iii) Regulate water service to property within the corporate limits of the municipality, even if the water service is part of the assigned service area of the rural water service."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

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Chief Clerk