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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1701

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SEWER COLLECTION AND SEWER TREATMENT
PROVIDERS AND RELATED SERVICES.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1701

Amend House Bill 1701 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 17, delete "Commission" and substitute "Commission or the
Division of Environmental Quality"

AND

Page 2, line 20, delete "commission" and substitute "division or the
commission"

AND

Page 4, line 3, delete "water system" and substitute "wastewater system"

AND

Page 5, line 3, delete "commission" and substitute "division and the
commission"

AND

Page 5, line 7, delete "commission" and substitute "division and the
commission"



AND

Page 5, delete lines 26 and 27, and substitute the following:

"improvement plan;

(3) Transfer assets to another entity; or

(4) Be given corrective or enforcement actions related to the provider's permitting."

AND

Page 6, line 7, delete "Commission." and substitute "Commission or the Division of Environmental Quality, as applicable."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 12 through 15, and substitute the following:

"This subchapter does not apply to:

(1) A wastewater system regulated by the Arkansas Public Service Commission as a public utility under § 23-1-101 et seq.;

(2) A municipal utility system owned or operated by a municipality that provides electric service to retail customers in addition to wastewater service, including without limitation an electric system:

(A) Managed or operated by a nonprofit corporation under § 14-199-701 et seq.; or

(B) Owned or operated by a municipality or by a consolidated utility district under the General Consolidated Public Utility System Improvement District Law, § 14-217-101 et seq.;

(3) A privately owned provider that supplies the majority of its wastewater service to nonresidential customers;

(4) A wastewater system operated jointly between two (2) municipalities in which each municipality is located in a different state; or

(5) A provider during the time that the provider is subject to a federal court decree or judgment for remediation efforts related to the provider's water system or wastewater system, or both, for the purpose of compliance with federal law."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 18 and 19, and substitute the following:

"The Division of Environmental Quality and the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission shall promulgate rules to implement this subchapter, as appropriate."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 22 and 23, and substitute the following:

"(a) When adopting the initial rules to implement this act, the Division of Environmental Quality or the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission shall file the final rules with the"

AND

Page 7, line 28, delete "The commission" and substitute "The division or the commission"

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Gonzales
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