

HCS HB 369 -- WATER SERVICE LINE REPAIR FEES

SPONSOR: Gatschenberger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 23 to 0.

This substitute authorizes any city, town, or village to impose, upon voter approval, a fee of up to \$1 per month or \$12 annually for each line providing water service to residential property having four or fewer dwelling units for the purpose of repair or replacement due to failure of the water lines extending from the water main to the residential dwelling. The fee may be added to the general tax levy bill of the property owner and collected in the same manner as delinquent real estate taxes and tax bills.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will provide a tremendous financial benefit to persons who would otherwise be responsible for paying the cost of repairing the water lines from their residence to the water main.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gatschenberger; Russ Betzel, Public Works Services Department, City of St. Peters; and Len Pagano, City of St. Peters.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.