

HB 559 -- Wholesale Water and Sewer Authority

Sponsor: Guest

This bill allows the creation of a wholesale water and sewer authority by filing a petition in the circuit court of a county within the area of the proposed authority. The information that must be included in the petition is specified. The circuit court clerk is required to publish notice of the proposed creation of the authority and may order a public hearing if it provides the proper notice. Any resident of the proposed area may seek a declaratory judgment to prevent the creation of the authority. If the court decides the formation is proper, the authority will be a political subdivision of the state. Any party may appeal the court's order or declaratory judgment. Following formation, members can be added to the authority after public notice, a public hearing, and a favorable vote of the board of directors.

The powers, duties, and procedures of the authority and its board of directors are specified.