

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2116

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing a public utility district to dispose of equipment or materials.

Sponsors: Representatives Scott, Mielke, Mulliken, Edwards, Fortunato, Cooper and Reardon.

House Committee on Local Government
Senate Committee on State & Local Government

Background:

Public utility districts (PUDs) may sell and convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its works, plants, systems, utilities and properties, after proceedings and supermajority voter approval by the voters of the district. PUDs may dispose of property outside its boundaries to another PUD, city, or town without voter approval.

PUDs may dispose of any property within or outside its boundaries that is obsolete, unserviceable, inadequate, worn out, or unfit to be used in the operations of the system and which is no longer necessary. PUDs may also transfer such property to any person or public body without voter approval.

Summary:

Public utility districts are authorized to sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of items of equipment or materials from the district's stores to any other district without voter approval or a resolution of a district's board. This authority is granted only if the items or materials cannot be obtained on a timely basis from any other source and if the district receives at least its cost or the reasonable market value.

Entities to which the PUD may sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of property include any cooperative, mutual, consumer-owned or investor-owned utility; any federal, state, or local government agency; any contractor employed by the district or any other district, utility, or agency; or any customer of the district or of any other district or utility.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0

Senate 41 0

Effective: July 25, 1999