

HOUSE BILL NO. 5171

October 30, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Neeley, Dievendorf, Arbit, Paiz, Wilson, Price, B. Carter, Rheingans, Conlin, Hope, MacDonell, Young, Weiss, Wegela, Tsernoglou and Breen and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to limit the powers of a water authority to place or acquire a lien for water, sewage, or stormwater management services on residential properties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "household water lien
2 prohibition act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Local government unit" means a county, township, city, or
5 village.

1 (b) "Water authority" means an entity, including, but not
2 limited to, a local government unit, corporation, authority, or
3 utility, that provides water, sewage, or stormwater management
4 services and establishes rates and charges fees for the provision
5 of those services.

6 Sec. 3. (1) A water authority shall not place or acquire a
7 lien on a residential property in connection with the provision of
8 water, sewage, or stormwater management services.

9 (2) A lien on residential property in connection with the
10 provision of water, sewage, or stormwater management services in
11 existence before the effective date of this act, including a lien
12 created under former 1939 PA 178, is dissolved.

13 Enacting section 1. 1939 PA 178, MCL 123.161 to 123.167, is
14 repealed.