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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the utilities board to  
2 regulate rates and services of water distributed from a  
3 privately owned water well.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 476.1, unnumbered paragraph 5, Code  
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 This chapter does not apply to waterworks having less than  
4 two thousand customers, municipally owned waterworks, joint  
5 water utilities established pursuant to chapter 389, rural  
6 water districts incorporated and organized pursuant to  
7 chapters 357A and 504A, cooperative water associations  
8 incorporated and organized pursuant to chapter 499, or to a  
9 person furnishing electricity to five or fewer customers  
10 either by secondary line or from an alternate energy  
11 production facility or small hydro facility, from electricity  
12 that is produced primarily for the person's own use. This  
13 chapter shall apply to privately owned water wells that supply  
14 water to more than two, but fewer than thirty, customers, if a  
15 water rates board governing water rates-related issues of the  
16 privately owned water well has not been established, with at  
17 least a majority of the board members consisting of existing  
18 customers of the water well, which has the jurisdiction, at a  
19 minimum, to approve or disapprove water rate increases and to  
20 provide final and binding decisions for water rates  
21 complaints.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill relates to the jurisdiction of the utilities  
24 board to regulate rates and services of water distributed from  
25 a privately owned water well when the well supplies water to  
26 more than two, but fewer than 30, customers. The bill  
27 provides that, in such cases, the utility board shall have  
28 jurisdiction if a water rates board governing water rates-  
29 related issues of the privately owned water well has not been  
30 established, which has the jurisdiction, at a minimum, to  
31 approve or disapprove water rate increases and to provide  
32 final and binding decisions for water rates complaints.

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