

Senate Study Bill 3096 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WILHELM)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing that a county enterprise includes natural
2 gasworks and electric light and power service plants and
3 systems.

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

1 Section 1. Section 331.461, subsection 2, Code 2011, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *h.* Natural gasworks, including natural
4 gas transmission and distribution systems, and including the
5 acquisition, establishment, construction, purchase, equipment,
6 improvement, extension, operation, maintenance, reconstruction,
7 and repair of works and facilities within or without the limit
8 of the county, and including works and facilities to be jointly
9 used by the county and other political subdivisions.

10 NEW PARAGRAPH. *i.* Electric light and power service
11 plants and systems, including generation, transmission,
12 and distribution systems, and including the acquisition,
13 establishment, construction, purchase, equipment, improvement,
14 extension, operation, maintenance, reconstruction, and repair
15 of works and facilities within or without the limit of the
16 county, and including works and facilities to be jointly used
17 by the county and other political subdivisions.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill amends the definition of "county enterprise" under
20 Code section 331.461 to include natural gasworks and electric
21 light and power service plants and systems.

22 Code chapter 331 authorizes a county to undertake a county
23 enterprise and provides as part of such authorization the
24 ability to issue revenue bonds, establish rates, collect
25 charges for services provided by the county enterprise, and
26 enter into specified contracts and leases.