

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6064
BILL NUMBER: SB 6

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2026
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SUBJECT: Extension of Water or Wastewater Mains

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Niemeyer
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Slager

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that before a municipally owned utility (utility) may condemn land for the extension of a water main or a wastewater main that is located outside:

- (1) the corporate boundaries of the municipality; or
- (2) the existing service territory of the utility;

the utility must provide, by mail, written notice to each landowner whose land is needed for the extension and to the county plan commission for the county in which the extension project is proposed.

The bill sets forth the information that must be included in the required notices. It requires the:

- (1) utility to post on the utility's website; and
- (2) county in which the extension project is proposed to post on the county's website; certain information about the proposed extension project.

It also provides that a landowner or a county plan commission that receives a notice from a utility under the bill's provisions may, not later than 30 days after receiving the notice, request in writing a meeting with the utility regarding the proposed extension project. The bill provides that upon receiving such a request, the utility shall offer to meet with the landowner or county plan commission not later than 30 days after the utility's receipt of the request.

The bill authorizes a utility to proceed with a proposed extension project if the utility has satisfied the bill's notice requirements. Beginning in 2027, the bill requires the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to include in its annual report the following information with respect to the most recently concluded state fiscal year:

- (1) Any reported delays in an extension project that a utility attributes to any of the bill's requirements.
- (2) Any complaints or disputes arising under the bill's provisions that are submitted to the IURC.
- (3) Any action taken by the IURC with respect to any reported delays, complaints, or disputes arising under the bill's provisions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill increases the workload of the IURC to include in its annual report information regarding delays in extension projects for municipal utilities attributable to the notice requirements in the bill.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill makes it so that before a municipal utility condemns land for a water or wastewater main extension it must provide by mail written notice to each landowner who would be affected and to the county plan commission for the county in which the extension project is proposed 60 days before an offer of purchase. The cost and workload from the notices will depend on the density and count of parcels that would be affected by the project.

The workload of county plan commissions may increase in processing public water or wastewater utilities' main extension notifications. Counties that receive these notifications and also have a website must update their websites to include the boundaries, expected completion dates, location information for interested persons, and the contact information of utility representatives for the proposed water or wastewater extensions.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Local Agencies Affected: Municipal Utilities, Counties, County Plan Commissions

Information Sources:

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