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SENATE BILL No. 6

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 32-24-4-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to a temporary**
4 **easement or a condemnation that is needed to protect the public**
5 **health or safety.**
6 **(b) Before a public utility may take, acquire, condemn, or**
7 **appropriate land, real estate, or any interest in the land or real**
8 **estate for the purpose of extending a water or wastewater main, the**
9 **public utility shall provide all of the following notices:**
10 **(1) A notice to each owner of land that is needed or intended**
11 **to be taken for the extension. The notice must:**
12 **(A) be sent:**
13 **(i) to the address of the landowner as listed on the**
14 **tax duplicate;**
15 **(ii) by first class mail, certified mail with return**
16 **receipt requested, or any other means of delivery**



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- 1 that includes a return receipt; and
 2 (iii) at least sixty (60) days before a public utility
 3 presents an offer of purchase under IC 32-24-1-5;
 4 (B) include a statement that:
 5 (i) the public utility intends to extend a water or
 6 wastewater main;
 7 (ii) the landowner's property is needed for the
 8 extension; and
 9 (iii) the public utility can acquire land through
 10 condemnation if certain conditions are met; and
 11 (C) clearly identify:
 12 (i) where a landowner may access information
 13 pertaining to a proposed extension project; and
 14 (ii) the applicable utility representative to contact
 15 regarding any questions pertaining to the proposed
 16 project.
 17 (2) A notice:
 18 (A) in a newspaper of general circulation in the county
 19 where the extension is proposed published:
 20 (i) two (2) times, at least one (1) week apart; and
 21 (ii) at least forty-five (45) days before a public
 22 utility presents an offer of purchase under
 23 IC 32-24-1-5; and
 24 (B) that includes information regarding:
 25 (i) the proposed boundaries of the extension;
 26 (ii) the expected completion date of the total
 27 extension project;
 28 (iii) the location of information pertaining to a
 29 proposed extension project that may be accessed by
 30 an interested person; and
 31 (iv) the applicable utility representative to contact
 32 regarding any questions pertaining to the proposed
 33 project.
 34 (3) A notice:
 35 (A) in a conspicuous location on the public utility's
 36 website, if the utility has a website; and
 37 (B) that includes the information in subdivision (2)(B).
 38 (4) A notice:
 39 (A) to the county plan commission in the county where
 40 the extension is proposed;
 41 (B) sent by first class mail, certified mail with return
 42 receipt requested, or any other means of delivery that

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- 1 includes a return receipt; and
 2 (C) that includes the information in subdivision (2)(B).
 3 (c) If a landowner or other interested person requests a
 4 meeting with the public utility regarding the proposed extension
 5 project, the utility shall offer to meet with the landowner not later
 6 than thirty (30) days after the date of the request.
 7 (d) If the public utility provides evidence that the notice under
 8 subsection (b)(1) was sent:
 9 (1) by certified mail, with return receipt requested, or any
 10 other means of delivery that includes a return receipt; and
 11 (2) in accordance with subsection (b)(1);
 12 it is not necessary that the landowner accept receipt of the notice.
 13 (e) A public utility may move forward with a proposed water
 14 or wastewater main extension if the public utility has satisfied the
 15 notice requirements set forth under this section.
 16 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to violate
 17 IC 8-1-2-101.5 or any applicable administrative rule.

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