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SENATE BILL No. 6

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Synopsis: Extension of water services.

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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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that includes a return receipt; and
(iii) at least sixty (60) days before a public utility presents an offer of purchase under IC 32-24-1-5;

(B) include a statement that:

(i) the public utility intends to extend a water or wastewater main;

(ii) the landowner's property is needed for the extension; and

(iii) the public utility can acquire land through condemnation if certain conditions are met; and

(C) clearly identify:

(i) where a landowner may access information pertaining to a proposed extension project; and

(ii) the applicable utility representative to contact regarding any questions pertaining to the proposed project.

A notice:

(A) in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the extension is proposed published:

- (i) two (2) times, at least one (1) week apart; and
- (ii) at least forty-five (45) days before a public utility presents an offer of purchase under IC 32-24-1-5; and

(B) that includes information regarding:

- (i) the proposed boundaries of the extension;
- (ii) the expected completion date of the total extension project;

(iii) the location of information pertaining to a proposed extension project that may be accessed by an interested person; and

an interested person, and
(iv) the applicable utility representative to contact regarding any questions pertaining to the proposed project.

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A notice:
(A) in a conspicuous location on the public utility's website, if the utility has a website; and

website, if the utility has a website, and
(B) that includes the information in subdivision (2)(B)

(B) that

(A) to the county plan commission in the county where the extension is proposed:

(B) sent by first class mail, certified mail with return receipt requested, or any other means of delivery that



includes a return receipt; and

(C) that includes the information in subdivision (2)(B).

(c) If a landowner or other interested person requests a meeting with the public utility regarding the proposed extension project, the utility shall offer to meet with the landowner not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the request.

(d) If the public utility provides evidence that the notice under subsection (b)(1) was sent:

(1) by certified mail, with return receipt requested, or any other means of delivery that includes a return receipt; and
(2) in accordance with subsection (b)(1);

it is not necessary that the landowner accept receipt of the notice.

(e) A public utility may move forward with a proposed water or wastewater main extension if the public utility has satisfied the notice requirements set forth under this section.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to violate IC 8-1-2-101.5 or any applicable administrative rule.

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