

# AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO

*Amend #3  
adopted*

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 943

BY: Rep. Roberson

**AMEND** by inserting immediately after line 68 the following new subsection:

(6) Whenever a health department places any restriction on a rural water association relating to usage or capacity, or upon the admission of the water association that the association is unable to serve a customer or customers, a customer of the rural water association may take such steps as may be necessary to facilitate procuring water utility services from a local county or municipality operating a water system that is able to provide adequate service to that customer. If the county or municipal water system accepts the ratepayer as customer, the rural water association must cooperate in removing the customer from its system and discontinuing service to that customer. Upon request of a rural water association or ratepayer aggrieved by an action of the other party under this subsection, the commission may intervene to ensure a fair and equitable outcome to the parties. Any decision or order by the commission under this subsection shall be final and binding on both parties.

**AMEND THE TITLE** by inserting immediately after the semicolon on line 5 the following: "TO AUTHORIZE A RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CUSTOMER TO PROCURE WATER UTILITY SERVICES FROM A

LOCAL COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM THAT ACCEPTS THE CUSTOMER  
WHENEVER A HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLACES ANY RESTRICTION ON THE RURAL  
WATER ASSOCIATION OR THE ASSOCIATION, ON ITS OWN ADMISSION, IS  
UNABLE TO SERVE THE CUSTOMER;"