

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 203, *approved August 14, 1997*  
Assembly, No. 1678 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT limiting the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities over  
2 certain consumer owned water companies and supplementing  
3 chapter 2 of Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. The provisions of any law, rule, regulation or order to the  
9 contrary notwithstanding, with respect to a <sup>1</sup>nonpublicly-owned,  
10 nonprofit<sup>1</sup> water company which is exclusively owned and controlled  
11 by the consumers it serves, <sup>1</sup>and provided that a majority of the entire  
12 membership of the association which controls the water company  
13 approves,<sup>1</sup> the Board of Public Utilities shall not exercise any  
14 jurisdiction or control over the rates, charges or operations of the  
15 company; and the approval of the board shall not be required to  
16 authorize or validate any mortgage or encumbrance of real property,  
17 or the issuance or execution of any evidence of indebtedness by the  
18 company, except that the board shall retain its jurisdiction to  
19 determine disputes concerning the territory served or to be served by  
20 the company.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 Limits jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities over certain  
28 consumer owned water companies.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ACV committee amendments adopted September 16, 1996.