



SENATE BILL 68: Relocation of Water/Sewer Line Costs.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-197		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-197 amends the law that requires the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) to pay a percentage of nonbetterment costs for certain water and sewer line relocations when located within the right-of-way (ROW) of State transportation improvement projects.*

This act became effective August 14, 2019.

CURRENT LAW: Current law requires DOT to pay for a percentage of nonbetterment costs for water and sewer relocations within State transportation improvement project ROW and owned by a:

- municipality with a population of less than 10,000;
- non-profit water and sewer association or corporation;
- water and sewer system organized under Chapter 162A;
- County operating a rural water system as an enterprise system;
- sanitary district organized pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 130A;
- municipality with a population of greater than 10,000 when the system was constructed by water or sewer system organized pursuant to Chapter 162A of the General Statutes and then sold or transferred to that municipality; or
- local board of education.

Currently, municipalities with a population greater than 10,000 pay a percentage of the nonbetterment costs for the relocation of water and sewer lines as follows:

- A municipality with a population greater than 10,000, but less than 25,000, pay 25% of the cost.
- A municipality with a population of 25,000 or greater, but less than 50,000, pay 50% of the cost.
- A municipality with a population of 50,000 or greater pay 100% of the cost.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act modifies the population ranges upon which the payment percentages are based. This act makes the following changes: municipalities between 10,000 and 50,000 (an increase from 25,000) are responsible for 25% of costs; municipalities between 50,000 and 100,000 (an increase from 50,000) are responsible for 50% of costs; and municipalities with populations of 100,000 (an increase from 50,000) or greater are responsible for 100% of the costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective August 14, 2019.

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