

SENATE BILL NO. 342

March 25, 2021, Introduced by Senators BAYER, HOLLIER, CHANG, SANTANA, GEISS, ANANICH, MOSS, BRINKS, ALEXANDER and MCCANN and referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

A bill to require all state departments and agencies to establish certain water affordability criteria; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "human
2 right to water act".

3 Sec. 2. (1) Each individual has the right to safe, clean,
4 affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking,

1 and sanitary purposes.

2 (2) All state departments and agencies shall employ all
3 reasonable means to implement this section. All state departments
4 and agencies shall revise, adopt, or establish policies,
5 regulations, and grant criteria to further this section by
6 establishing water affordability criteria as appropriate, to the
7 extent that those actions do not affect eligibility for federal
8 funds.

9 (3) This section does not expand any obligation of this state
10 to provide water or to require the expenditure of additional
11 resources to develop water infrastructure beyond the obligations
12 that may exist under subsection (2).

13 (4) This section applies to water supplies for individuals and
14 not for new development in this state.

15 (5) The implementation of this section does not infringe on
16 the rights or responsibilities of any public water system in this
17 state.