



## ***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE May 16, 2008***

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**H.3030, J.R. Smith**, would allow a rural community water district to provide a sewage collection system within the district. The initial version of this bill was only to affect rural water districts; however, a proposed committee amendment has changed the language to address construction of water towers and it will impact SPD's.

The proposed amendment would limit it to elevated water storage facilities or water towers.

Please read the *proposed amendment in italics* below:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"Section 6-11-175. *Prior to beginning to construct an elevated water storage facility*, the district must hold a public meeting to explain the details of the project and take comments from members of the public. The district must advertise in a newspaper of general circulation in the district the time and place of the meeting and the general nature and scope of the proposed project. The notice must be published on two occasions prior to the meeting, and at least ten days prior to the meeting."