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Sponsor(s): Senators McCaslin, Haugen, Morton, Rasmussen, Anderson, Swecker and Schow

Brief Title: Requiring voter approval of city assumption of water or sewer systems.

**SB 5781 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that no city may assume management, control, or jurisdiction of a water district's responsibilities, property, facilities, or equipment until the district commissioners determine by resolution that such assumption is in the public interest and conducive to the public health, welfare, and convenience and such resolution is ratified by the voters of the district. If the district commissioners approve such a resolution, the commissioners shall submit the resolution to the voters of the water district at any general election or a special election to be called for such purpose. If a majority of the voters voting at such an election are in favor of the resolution, the commissioners shall so notify the city, and the city may proceed under RCW 35.13A.050.