



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3905	Introduced on February 8, 2023
<b>Author:</b>	Hixon	
<b>Subject:</b>	Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Gardner	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	March 8, 2023	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill adds physical or mental incapacitation or failure to attend required meetings as reasons the Governor may have to fill a vacancy on the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority. This bill also increases fines for unlawfully damaging or interfering with the facilities of the authority.

Judicial reports that implementation of the bill will result in no General Fund expenditure impact.

This bill may increase General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue, and local revenue due to the increased fines. However, as the number of such offenses is unknown, the General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue impact is undetermined.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted both Edgefield County and Aiken County (counties of residence for members of the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority) to determine whether implementation of the bill is expected to have a local expenditure impact. While RFA did not receive a response from either county, we anticipate that the provisions of the bill will not require the counties to perform duties outside the normal scope of business. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill will have no local expenditure impact. We will update this fiscal impact statement if the counties provide additional information.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on February 8, 2023**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill authorizes the Governor to fill a vacancy on the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority when the vacancy occurs due to an authority member's physical or mental incapacitation or nonattendance. A member's physical or mental incapacitation or nonattendance must be determined by a majority vote of board members and have the consent of the Edgefield County Legislative Delegation. Currently, the Governor may fill a vacancy on the authority due to death, resignation, or otherwise.

The bill also increases fines for the misdemeanor offense of willfully damaging or interfering with the facilities of the authority from not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars to not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars. The maximum term of imprisonment that may be applied to these offenses will remain at not more than thirty days.

**Judicial.** This bill increases the amount of fines that can be levied for convictions of the unlawful damage to or interference with the facilities of the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority. Judicial reports that implementation of the bill will result in no General Fund expenditure impact.

### **State Revenue**

This bill increases the fine for unlawfully damaging or interfering with the facilities of the authority, which may increase General Fund and Other Funds revenue. However, as the number of such offenses is unknown, the General Fund and Other Funds revenue impact is undetermined.

### **Local Expenditure**

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### **Local Revenue**

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