

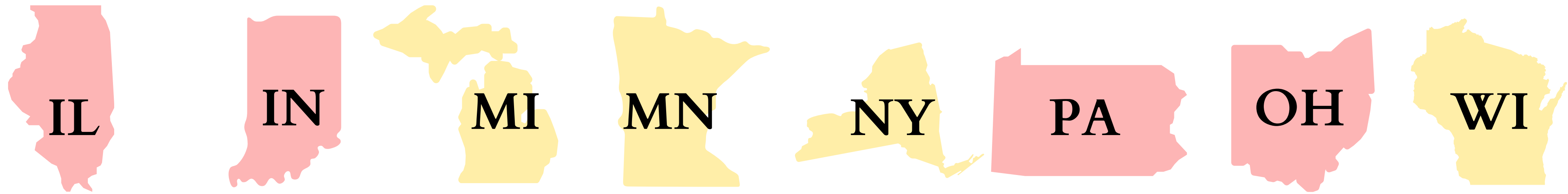
REPORT CARD

Privatization of Public Water Systems in Great Lakes States

The privatization of water systems occurs when municipal water systems are either owned or operated by private for-profit utility companies. An upward trend in the privatization of water systems in the Great Lakes region has brought forward concerns for consumers.

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Data is current as of 08/01/2024 and was collected from the states' most recent legislative policies from fiscal year 2024. See page 2 for category details.



	IL	IN	MI	MN	NY	PA	OH	WI
Fair Market Value Policy	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Legislation Introduced	Public Act 098-0213	HB 1319 (2015)/ Act No. 257	NO	NO	NO	Act 11 & 12 / Section 1329 of PUC	HB 422 (2019)	AB 554 (2016)
Remunicipalization Efforts	Attempted	None	Attempted	Not Needed	Attempted & Successful	Attempted & Successful	None	None
Rate Increases Due to Privatization	YES	YES	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	YES	YES	YES	UNKNOWN
Required Referendum	NO, HB 5157 PROPOSED	NO	NO	YES	NO	HB. 626, 627 PROPOSED	NO	YES

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

Fair Market Value Policy

Has fair market value legislation, meaning acquisition legislation that allows private water companies to purchase municipal water systems at a price determined by the fair market value (estimated value considerate of potential future revenue), rather than the book value (original cost of system minus accumulated depreciation), been implemented within the state and negatively affected water affordability for consumers?

Legislation Introduced

Has legislation been introduced in the last 10 years in the state that encourages the privatization of municipal water systems that have historically been in the hands of the people?

Remunicipalization Efforts

Have municipalities and/or groups attempted to remunicipalize community water systems within the state?

Rate Increases Due to Privatization

Have water rates increased dramatically after a private utility company purchases and begins to manage a previously publicly owned and operated water system?

Required Referendum

Does the state require a public referendum (a process where the residents of a community vote on whether to approve or reject the sale of their publicly owned water system to a private entity) to be held to approve a potential privatization project?