

**LOCAL  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 14-0815  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Rankin

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**Bill Status:** House Local Government  
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**SHORT TITLE:** WATER CONVEYING STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Current law requires a person or corporation owning or constructing a ditch, race, drain, or flume upon or across any highway to also construct a culvert, bridge, or other similar structure to conduct the water so as to ensure that the highway is open for safe and convenient travel. The costs of constructing said culvert, bridge, or structure must be borne by the individual or corporation that owns the ditch, race, drain, or flume. The city or county in which the culvert, bridge, or structure is located is then required to maintain the structure after it is built, at its own expense.

This bill clarifies that local governments are not required to construct any new culvert, bridge, or similar structure, or to completely reconstruct or replace the structure. The bill declares that new construction and complete reconstruction or replacement of said structures is the obligation of the individual or corporation.

**Local Government Impact**

This bill is expected to reduce the expenditures of local governments who may currently believe it is their obligation to completely construct, reconstruct, or replace culverts, bridges, or other structures that have been built by individuals or corporations as required by law. No estimate of this reduction is available.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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