



# Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

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## Legislation Text

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The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department authorizes **Approval of a meeting with legal counsel in closed session pursuant to Sections 8(e) and (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss settlement strategy in pending litigation regarding Bifurcation Agreements between Great Lakes Water Authority and DWSD.**

**Agenda of April 4, 2018**  
**Item No. 18-0073**  
**Closed Session Request**

**TO:** The Honorable  
Board of Water Commissioners  
City of Detroit, Michigan

**FROM:** Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., Chief General Counsel, Detroit Water & Sewerage Dept.

**RE:** **Bifurcation Agreements between Great Lakes Water Authority and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and settlement strategy for pending litigation**

### **MOTION**

Upon the request of Chief General Counsel Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., the Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), by an affirmative roll call vote of 2/3 of the Board Members appointed and serving, hereby resolves to: **1) Meet with legal counsel in closed session pursuant to Sections 8(e) and (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss settlement strategy for pending litigation regarding Bifurcation Agreements between Great Lakes Water Authority and DWSD; and (2) Authorize the Director and General Counsel to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Section 8(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act allows a public body to meet in closed session: "To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body." Section 8(h) allows a public body to meet in closed session: "To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute." Section 7 of the Act requires an affirmative roll call vote of 2/3 of the Board Members appointed and serving to approve a closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,

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