

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE DRH30046-LDf-17 (02/25)**

Short Title: Duplin Unpaid Water Fees Collection. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representative Bell.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DUPLIN COUNTY TO USE THE SAME  
3 ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT PROCEEDINGS TO COLLECT  
4 UNPAID WATER FEES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT UNPAID  
5 TAXES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** Whenever services are provided by a county or a water district  
8 created by the county board of commissioners and a recipient of these services or an  
9 individual responsible for the support of the recipient of these services fails to pay fees  
10 fixed for rendering these services for a period of 90 days after the rendering of these  
11 services, the county may treat the amount due for these services as if it were a tax due to  
12 the county or water district, whichever applies, and may proceed to collect the amount  
13 due through the use of the attachment and garnishment proceedings under G.S. 105-368.

14       **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Duplin County.

15       **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2004.