

## Relief for Victims of Contaminated Wells Progresses in Legislature

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### ***Conservationists Praise Passage of Assembly Bill 226***

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MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly passed Assembly Bill 226 yesterday. The bill will make it easier for more households to replace wells contaminated with manure and human sewage or fix failing septic systems.

#### **Executive Director Kerry Schumann issued this statement:**

“This bill represents a step forward for Wisconsin residents suffering from manure-tainted drinking water. As taps run brown in some parts of the state and one-in-five private wells are poisoned with coliform bacteria, this crucial action will offer immediate relief to victims of Wisconsin’s drinking water crisis. We urge the Senate to pass this bill as soon as possible.

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters looks forward to tackling the manure management problems that made this bill necessary through upcoming administrative rules and future legislation. It is unconscionable that thousands of Wisconsinites are unable to drink their tap water. We urge decision makers to make reduction of manure pollution a high priority. We thank Rep. Joel Kitchens for introducing the bill and members of the Assembly who voted for its passage.”

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