

## S 611

### Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Feb 27, 2015

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 114-98.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-98. (Dec 11, 2015)

**Law:** 114-98 (Enacted Dec 11, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/611>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Apr 13, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Apr 29, 2015
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		May 5, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Oct 28, 2015
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 18, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2853	Identical bill	<b>Jun 26, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

Summary (as of Dec 11, 2015)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act

(Sec. 4) This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize through FY2020 the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) program providing technical assistance to small public water systems in complying with national primary drinking water regulations.

The EPA may use the funds to provide grants or cooperative agreements to nonprofit organizations that provide onsite technical assistance; circuit-rider technical assistance programs; multistate, regional technical assistance programs; onsite and regional training; assistance with implementing source water protection plans; and assistance with implementation monitoring plans, rules, regulations, and water security enhancements. Those grants and cooperative agreements may not be used for citizen suits brought under that Act.

In order to ensure that technical assistance funding is used in a manner that is most beneficial to the small and rural communities, the EPA must give preference to nonprofit organizations that are the most qualified and experienced and that the small community water systems find to be the most beneficial and effective.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 11, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 11, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-98.
- **Dec 2, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Mr. Shimkus moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8418-8420)
- **Nov 30, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 611.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8418)
- **Nov 30, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8418)
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-346.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 264.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 17, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 28, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 28, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 12, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3975-3976; text: CR S3975)
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3975-3976; text: CR S3975)
- **May 18, 2015:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. With written report No. 114-47.
- **May 18, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 83.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.