

Information on SMMUA Implementing Statute and Fiscal Statute

The Authority was established pursuant to parallel ordinances adopted by each of the Member municipalities as a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey, organized and existing under and pursuant to the Municipal Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1, et seq.).

New Jersey statutes provide for the creation, dissolution and operations of separate bodies corporate and politic for the purpose of fostering the provision and distribution of an adequate supply of water and the collection, treatment, disposal and recycling of wastewater and sewage sludge. The statutes were enacted as the "Municipal and Counties Utilities Authorities Act", and are codified in New Jersey Statutes annotated as N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq. Additional statutory requirements relating to the financial operations of independent local authorities were established as the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law", which is codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1 et seq. The provisions of the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law established the Local Finance Board and the Division of Local Government Services, in the Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, as oversight agencies for the creation, project financing, budgeting and overall financial condition of local authorities.