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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill involves special well construction areas. These are areas in which the department of health has determined that the groundwater is contaminated, creating the need for special precautions for constructing and using wells. The bill requires that sellers of certain real estate in Washington county disclose to prospective purchasers whether the property is in a special well construction area.

#### Section

- 1 Disclosure of wells to buyer.** Requires sellers of real property in Washington county to disclose to prospective purchasers whether the property is in a special well construction area. The disclosure must be made in writing no later than when the purchase agreement is signed. The disclosure is not required if the property is served by a municipal water system, unless there is an unsealed well on the property.
- 2 Effective date.** Provides a January 1, 2004, effective date.