

**IC 36-9-27-18****Private and mutual drains; conversion to regulated drain; procedure upon request by all owners**

Sec. 18. (a) Whenever all of the owners affected by a private or mutual drain request the board in writing to assume jurisdiction over the private or mutual drain, the board shall refer the request to the county surveyor, who shall determine whether the private or mutual drain meets the standards of design and construction established under section 29 of this chapter.

(b) If the surveyor determines that the private or mutual drain meets the standards of design and construction, he shall make a written report of that fact to the board, which shall issue an order granting the request. The drain becomes a regulated drain when the request is granted.

(c) If the surveyor determines that the private or mutual drain does not meet the standards of design and construction, he shall make a written report of that fact to the board, which shall deny the request.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.309, SEC.101. Amended by P.L.276-2001, SEC.12*