

By Senator Grall

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to municipal water and sewer utility
rates; amending s. 180.191, F.S.; requiring a
municipality to charge customers receiving its utility
services in another municipality the same rates, fees,
and charges as it charges consumers within its own
municipal boundaries under certain circumstances;
making technical changes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
180.191, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3),
(4), and (5), respectively, a new subsection (2) is added to
that section, and subsection (1) of that section is amended, to
read:

180.191 Limitation on rates charged consumer outside city
limits.—

(1) Any municipality within this ~~the~~ state operating a
water or sewer utility outside of the boundaries of such
municipality shall charge consumers outside the municipal
boundaries rates, fees, and charges determined in one of the
following manners:

(a) It may charge the same rates, fees, and charges as
consumers inside the municipal boundaries. However, in addition
~~thereto~~, the municipality may add a surcharge of not more than
25 percent of such rates, fees, and charges to consumers outside
the municipal boundaries, except as provided in subsection (2).
Fixing of such rates, fees, and charges in this manner shall not

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require a public hearing except as may be provided for service to consumers inside the municipality.

(b) It may charge rates, fees, and charges that are just and equitable and that which are based on the same factors used in fixing the rates, fees, and charges for consumers inside the municipal boundaries, except as provided in subsection (2). In addition ~~thereto~~, except as provided in subsection (2), the municipality may add a surcharge not to exceed 25 percent of such rates, fees, and charges for ~~said~~ services to consumers outside the municipal boundaries. However, the total of all such rates, fees, and charges for the services to consumers outside the boundaries may ~~shall~~ not be more than 50 percent in excess of the total amount the municipality charges consumers served within the municipality for corresponding service. ~~No~~ Such rates, fees, and charges may not ~~shall~~ be fixed until after a public hearing at which all of the users of the water or sewer systems; owners, tenants, or occupants of property served or to be served thereby; and all others interested must ~~shall~~ have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees, and charges. Any change or revision of such rates, fees, or charges may be made in the same manner as such rates, fees, or charges were originally established, but if such change or revision is to be made substantially pro rata as to all classes of service, both inside and outside the municipality, no hearing or notice is ~~shall be~~ required.

(2) A municipality within this state which operates a water or sewer utility providing service to customers in another recipient municipality shall charge consumers in the recipient municipality the same rates, fees, and charges as it does the

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59 consumers inside its own municipal boundaries.

60 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.