

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

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

55 (2) A municipality within this state which operates a water
56 or sewer utility providing service to customers in another
57 recipient municipality shall charge consumers in the recipient
58 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.