

## HOUSE BILL No. 2645

By Committee on Utilities

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AN ACT concerning customers bills for certain services; providing for rounding up; providing for disposition of revenues generated thereby.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Electric utility" means any electric public utility, as defined in K.S.A. 66-101a, and amendments thereto; any cooperative, as defined in K.S.A. 17-4603, and amendments thereto; or any municipally owned or operated electric utility.

(2) "Natural gas utility" means any natural gas public utility, as defined in K.S.A. 66-1,200, and amendments thereto, or any municipally owned or operated natural gas utility.

(b) Every electric utility shall establish a program by which the amount owed on the periodic bill of each of the utility's customers in this state shall be rounded up to the nearest \$.50 unless the customer affirmatively opts not to participate in such program.

(c) Moneys received by an electric utility from the rounding up of customers' bills pursuant to subsection (b) shall be remitted at least quarterly to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount of the remittance in the state treasury and credit it to the LIEAP fund created by subsection (d).

(d) (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the LIEAP fund.

(2) Moneys in the LIEAP fund shall be expended only to provide grants to assist low-income residential electric and natural gas consumers in weatherizing such consumers' residences and paying such consumers' electric and natural gas bills.

(3) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the LIEAP fund interest earnings based on: (A) The average daily balance of moneys in the LIEAP fund for the preceding month; and (B) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

(4) All expenditures from the LIEAP fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services or the secretary's designee for the pur-

1 poses set forth in this subsection.

2 Sec. 2. (a) Every provider of telecommunications service, cable or  
3 other television service or internet service shall establish a program by  
4 which the amount owed on the periodic bill of each of the service pro-  
5 vider's customers in this state shall be rounded up to the nearest \$.50  
6 unless the customer affirmatively opts not to participate in such program.

7 (b) Moneys received by a provider of telecommunications service,  
8 cable service or other communication services from the rounding up of  
9 customers' bills pursuant to subsection (b) shall be remitted at least quar-  
10 terly to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit the entire  
11 amount of the remittance in the state treasury and credit it to the KAN-  
12 ED fund created by K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 75-7225, and amendments  
13 thereto.

14 Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "public water supply system" has  
15 the meaning provided by K.S.A. 65-162a, and amendments thereto.

16 (b) Every public water supply system shall establish a program by  
17 which the amount owed on the periodic bill of each of the system's cus-  
18 tomers in this state shall be rounded up to the nearest \$.50 unless the  
19 customer affirmatively opts not to participate in such program.

20 (c) Moneys received by a public water supply system from the round-  
21 ing up of customers' bills pursuant to subsection (b) shall be remitted at  
22 least quarterly to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit the  
23 entire amount of the remittance in the state treasury and credit it to the  
24 clean drinking water fund created by subsection (d).

25 (d) (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the clean drink-  
26 ing water fund.

27 (2) Moneys in the clean drinking water fund shall be used only for:  
28 (A) Technical assistance and grants for infrastructure development for  
29 public water supply systems to bring treatment systems into compliance  
30 with clean drinking water standards; and (B) renovation projects pursuant  
31 to the multipurpose small lakes program act.

32 (3) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts  
33 and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the clean drinking  
34 water fund interest earnings based on: (A) The average daily balance of  
35 moneys in the clean drinking water fund for the preceding month; and  
36 (B) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for  
37 the preceding month.

38 (4) All expenditures from the clean drinking water fund shall be made  
39 in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of  
40 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the direc-  
41 tor of the Kansas water office or the director's designee for the purposes  
42 set forth in this subsection.

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