

SENATE BILL No. 476

By Committee on Utilities

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1 AN ACT concerning cities; relating to a board of public utilities; capping
2 the amount of fees included on a utility bill; amending K.S.A. 13-
3 1223a, 13-1227 and 13-1228 and repealing the existing sections.

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

6 New Section 1. In addition to the customer charge for the provision
7 of sewer, water and electric service, a customer of a board of public
8 utilities shall not be assessed an amount of fees or charges that exceeds
9 15% of the combined charges for the provision of such sewer, water and
10 electric service.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 13-1223a is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
12 1223a. *Except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto*, the board
13 of public utilities ~~shall~~, at the direction of the governing body of the city,
14 *shall* bill, collect and enforce collection of sewer service charges through
15 the administrative departments of the board in accordance with rules and
16 regulations and on terms and conditions established by the governing body
17 of the city.

18 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 13-1227 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
19 1227. (a) *Except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto*, the
20 board of public utilities shall fix reasonable rates for water furnished to
21 consumers ~~which~~ *that will*:

22 (1) ~~will~~ Secure an income sufficient to pay all salaries and wages of
23 all officers and employees in such departments;

24 (2) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all materials and supplies used in the
25 operation of the plant;

26 (3) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs;

27 (4) ~~will~~ cover all miscellaneous expenses;

28 (5) ~~will~~ pay the principal of and the interest on all revenue bond
29 indebtedness of the city incurred for the purpose of purchasing, improving
30 or extending the waterworks, and will provide a sinking fund sufficient to
31 pay the principal of and the interest on such indebtedness at maturity; and

32 (6) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs and renewals of the plant and all
33 material used, together with a reasonable allowance for emergency and
34 unforeseen expenses.

35 (b) Upon direction of the city, the board shall install, repair, replace
36 and remove fire hydrants at a reasonable cost determined by the city and

1 shall provide an adequate water supply through such hydrants at a
2 reasonable cost determined by the city. The city may fix special rates for
3 water furnished to the city for public purposes, or to organized institutions
4 of charity.

5 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 13-1228 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
6 1228. (a) *Except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto*, the
7 board of public utilities shall fix reasonable rates for electricity furnished
8 to consumers ~~which~~ *that will*:

9 (1) ~~will~~ Secure an income sufficient to pay all salaries and wages of
10 all officers and employees in such department;

11 (2) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all materials and supplies used in the
12 operation of the plant;

13 (3) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs;

14 (4) ~~will~~ cover all miscellaneous expenses;

15 (5) ~~will~~ pay the principal of and the interest on all revenue bond
16 indebtedness of the city incurred for the purpose of purchasing, improving
17 or extending the electric-light plant and will provide a sinking fund
18 sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such indebtedness at
19 maturity; and

20 (6) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs and renewals of the plant and all
21 material used, together with a reasonable allowance for emergency and
22 unforeseen expenses.

23 (b) Upon direction of the city, the board shall install, repair, maintain
24 and replace street lighting equipment and traffic signal equipment at a
25 reasonable cost determined by the city, and shall provide an adequate
26 supply of electricity to such street lights and traffic signals at a reasonable
27 cost determined by the city. The city may fix special rates for electricity
28 furnished to the city for public purposes.

29 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 13-1223a, 13-1227 and 13-1228 are hereby repealed.

30 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
31 publication in the statute book.