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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1700

By: Representative Rushing

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A MUNICIPALITY
SUPPLYING WATER SERVICE INTO A RURAL TERRITORY; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A
MUNICIPALITY SUPPLYING WATER SERVICE INTO
A RURAL TERRITORY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-200-111 is amended to read as follows:
14-200-111. Rural service.

(a) ~~Municipalities~~ A municipality owning or operating facilities for supplying a public service or commodity to its citizens may extend its electric or water service into rural territory contiguous to the municipality upon order of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

(b)(1) Rates and rules for the rural electric or water service shall be established from time to time by the city council, board of directors, or local water and light commission governing such municipally owned electric or water utility and without the approval of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

~~(2)(A) However, at no time shall~~ Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section, the rates for rural territory so served shall not exceed the rates charged to ratepayers receiving service within the municipality, ~~provided, however, that, where the~~.

(B) If a municipality serves less than three thousand



(3,000) customers outside its corporate limits, then rates may be ten percent (10%) higher than rates inside its corporate limits if, ~~but only if~~, such rates for service with the ten percent (10%) surcharge are equal to, or less than, rates for service of electric or water public utilities adjacent to the municipality's service territory.