

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1630

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND A MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILITY
STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH MUNICIPAL
WATER UTILITY LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND A MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILITY
STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO BE CONSISTENT
WITH MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-235-223(d), concerning rates and charges for municipal sewage systems, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1)(A) ~~No rates~~ Rates or charges shall not be established until after a public ~~hearing,~~ meeting at which ~~all~~ the users of the works ~~and,~~ owners of property served or to be served by ~~them~~ the works, and others interested ~~shall~~ have the opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates or charges.

(B) ~~After~~ Before introduction of the ordinance ~~fixing~~ establishing the rates or charges, ~~and before the ordinance is finally enacted,~~ notice of the ~~hearing,~~ setting forth public meeting and the proposed schedule of the rates or charges, shall be given by one (1) publication in a newspaper published in the municipality ~~if there is such a newspaper, but otherwise~~ or in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, at least ten (10) days before the date ~~fixed in the notice for~~ of the ~~hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time~~ public meeting.

(2) After the ~~hearing~~ public meeting, the ordinance establishing



rates or charges, ~~either as originally introduced or as modified and amended,~~
shall be passed and put into effect.