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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1389

"TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE TO HELP COLLECT DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL,
COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR RURAL WATER BILLS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1389.

Amend House Bill No. 1389 as originally introduced:

Delete Sections 1 and 2 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a) "Water system" means any entity that provides, distributes, transmits, treats, pumps, or stores raw or potable water to or for the benefit of members of the general public and commercial, industrial, and other users, including, without limitation, the following entities that perform such activities:

- (1) Municipalities;
- (2) Counties;
- (3) Public facilities boards;
- (4) Public water authorities;
- (5) Central Arkansas Water; and
- (6) Regional water distribution districts.

(b) Any person who is delinquent on the payment for water provided by a water system may be held liable, at the court's discretion, for attorney's fees and costs incurred in the collection of the delinquency.

SECTION 2. When a person who is delinquent on the payment of an undisputed bill for water service provided by a water system within this state, moves into another area of this state, and that person applies for or receives water from another water system, if the person's former water system establishes that there is no dispute that the delinquent amount is properly due and owed by that particular individual in that amount, the new water system shall refuse to provide water service to the delinquent person until the person provides proof of curing the delinquency.

SECTION 3. No provision of this act shall apply to a water system that is regulated by the Arkansas Public Service Commission as a "public utility" as provided in Arkansas Code § 23-1-101(9)."



The Amendment was read _____

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