

Hall of the House of Representatives
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2435

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY
REFORM ACT OF 1997."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2435.

Amend House Bill No. 2435 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 5, delete Representative Stovall as sponsor and add Representative Lamoureux as sponsor.

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-17-404(e)(4)(D)(vi) is amended to read as follows:

(vi)(a) The commission is authorized to implement, following July 1, 2003, a phase-in reduction of intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool charges until each carrier’s charges are equivalent to the carrier’s interstate Carrier Common Line charges, including all other federal common line recovery mechanisms such as subscriber line charges, presubscribed interexchange carrier charges, and long-term support.

(b) Any reduction of intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool charges of incumbent local exchange carriers ordered by the commission shall provide for concurrent recovery of the revenue loss from the AUSF, basic local exchange rates, or a combination ~~thereof~~; thereof.

(c)(1) Any company may voluntarily elect not to participate in the Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool.

(2) For any company electing not to participate in the Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool, the intrastate carrier common line rate may be adjusted as part of a general rate application before the commission.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that telephone rates have increased for Arkansas residents; that allowing telecommunications providers to terminate participation in the Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool, and allowing the Arkansas Public Service Commission to adjust the intrastate carrier common line rate charged by telecommunications providers as part of a general rate application will promote lower telephone rates for Arkansas



residents and will encourage economic development; that this act is immediately necessary to implement the administrative changes necessary to allow providers to terminate participation in the pool and to allow the adjustment of the intrastate carrier common line rate; and that any delay in the effective date of this act could create an undue burden upon Arkansas citizens and could work irreparable harm upon the efficient provision of telecommunications services throughout Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.”

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Lamoureux

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