

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1157

5 By: Representative Walters  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 12-10-318  
10 PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE  
11 CHARGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 12-10-318  
14 PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY TELEPHONE  
15 SERVICE CHARGES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-10-318(a) is amended to read as follows:

22 (a)(1)(A) When so authorized by a majority of the persons voting  
23 within the political subdivision in accordance with the law, the governing  
24 authority of each political subdivision may levy an emergency telephone  
25 service charge in the amount assessed by the political subdivision on a per  
26 access line basis as of January 1, 1997, or the amount up to five percent  
27 (5%) of the tariff rate, except that any political subdivision with a  
28 population of less than twenty-seven thousand five hundred (27,500) according  
29 to the 1990 Federal Decennial Census may, by a majority vote of the electors  
30 voting on the issue, levy an emergency telephone charge in an amount assessed  
31 by the political subdivision on a per access line basis as of January 1,  
32 1997, or an amount up to twelve percent (12%) of the tariff rate.

33 (B) The governing authority of a political subdivision  
34 that has been authorized under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section to levy  
35 an emergency telephone service charge in an amount up to twelve percent (12%)  
36 of the tariff rate, may decrease the percentage rate to not less than four



1 percent (4%) of the tariff rate for those telephone service users that are  
2 served by a telephone company with fewer than two hundred (200) access lines  
3 in this state as of the date of the election conducted under subdivision  
4 (a)(1)(A).

5 (2) The governing authority of the political subdivision may,  
6 upon its own initiative, call such a special election.

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