

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Representative Beatty**

A Bill

ACT 627 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1878

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-20-318 TO SET THE TARIFF
9 RATE FOR THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGE IN SMALL
10 COMMUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-20-318
14 TO SET THE TARIFF RATE FOR THE EMERGENCY
15 TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGE IN SMALL
16 COMMUNITIES."

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-10-318(a) (1) is amended to read as follows:

21 "(a) (1) When so authorized by a majority of the persons voting within
22 the political subdivision in accordance with the law, the governing authority
23 of each political subdivision may levy any emergency telephone service charge
24 in the amount of five percent (5%) of the tariff rate, except that any
25 political subdivision with a population of less than fifteen thousand (15,000)
26 may, by a majority vote of the electors voting on the issue, levy an emergency
27 telephone charge in an amount not to exceed twelve percent (12%) of the tariff
28 rate."

30 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

34 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
2 act are declared to be severable.

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4 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
5 hereby repealed.

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7 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
8 Assembly that political subdivisions with less than fifteen thousand (15,000)
9 population are not able to provide a 911 service under the current
10 restrictions on emergency telephone service charges; that this act grants
11 greater flexibility to those political subdivisions; and that this act should
12 go into effect as soon as possible in order to help provide 911 service to the
13 portions of this state which do not now have the capability of financing the
14 same. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being
15 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
17 approval.

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