

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1630

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5 By: Representative Maddox

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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



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

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