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4 By: Representative Beatty

A Bill

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
21 follows:

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

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

35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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7 hereby repealed.

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

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