

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
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2284

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5 By: Representative Milligan
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO LOWER MONTHLY TELEPHONE RATES BY REQUIRING
10 LARGE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS TO RETURN TO RATE BASED
11 REGULATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 23-17-406 is repealed.

23 ~~23-17-406. Electing companies.~~

24 ~~(a) Any incumbent local exchange carrier may elect to have the rates,~~
25 ~~terms, and conditions for its telecommunications services determined pursuant~~
26 ~~to the provisions of this section.~~

27 ~~(b) An incumbent local exchange carrier shall file a notice of its~~
28 ~~intent with the commission to be an electing company and to be regulated~~
29 ~~pursuant to §§ 23-17-406—23-17-408.~~

30 ~~(c)(1) Upon such a filing, all rates, terms, and conditions for the~~
31 ~~services provided by that incumbent local exchange carrier contained in the~~
32 ~~tariffs and end user contracts that were in effect on the date twelve (12)~~
33 ~~months prior to the date of election under this section shall be deemed just~~
34 ~~and reasonable.~~

35 ~~(2) However, nothing herein shall restrict any customer's right~~
36 ~~to complain to the commission regarding quality of service or the commission's~~

1 ~~right to enforce any quality of service rules and standards which are equally~~
2 ~~imposed on all telecommunications providers.~~

3 ~~(d)(1) A rural telephone company, excluding tier one companies, which~~
4 ~~elects to be regulated pursuant to this section may terminate that election by~~
5 ~~filing a notice with the commission.~~

6 ~~(2) Upon terminating that election, the rural telephone company may not~~
7 ~~thereafter, for a period of five years from date of the termination notice~~
8 ~~under this subsection, elect to be regulated under this section.~~

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