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.

State of Arkansas
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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2005
HOUSE BILL 1936

By: Representative Roebuck

## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to raise the annual fees for public water SYSTEMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO RAISE THE ANNUAL FEES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-28-104(a), pertaining to annual fees for public water systems, is amended to read as follows:
(a) The Department of Health is authorized to collect the following annual fees from each public water system for service provided, other than plan reviews, by the public water system supervision program:
(1) Community water systems and nontransient noncommunity water systems: Not more than twenty five cents (25c) thirty cents (30c) per service connection per month;
(2) Noncommunity: One hundred dollars (\$100) One hundred twentyfive dollars (\$125);
(3) The minimum fee charged to a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system is two hundred dollars ( $\$ 200$ ) two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year;
(4) The number of service connections for nontransient noncommunity water systems shall be calculated by dividing the population served by two and one-half (2.5);
(5) The number of service connections for community public water systems not serving discrete service connections shall be calculated by
dividing the population served by two and one-half (2.5). SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that the Department of Health bills public water systems for fees concurrent with the beginning of the state fiscal year; that the effectiveness of this act on July 1, 2005, is essential to the operation of the Department of Health; and that in the event of an extension of the regular session, the delay in the effective date of this act beyond July 1 , 2005, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.

