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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1700

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5 By: Representative Rushing

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A MUNICIPALITY
9 SUPPLYING WATER SERVICE INTO A RURAL TERRITORY; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A
14 MUNICIPALITY SUPPLYING WATER SERVICE INTO
15 A RURAL TERRITORY.
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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 § 14-200-111 is amended to read as follows:
22 14-200-111. Rural service.

23 (a) ~~Municipalities~~ A municipality owning or operating facilities for
24 supplying a public service or commodity to its citizens may extend its
25 electric or water service into rural territory contiguous to the municipality
26 upon order of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

27 (b)(1) Rates and rules for the rural electric or water service shall
28 be established from time to time by the city council, board of directors, or
29 local water and light commission governing such municipally owned electric or
30 water utility and without the approval of the Arkansas Public Service
31 Commission.

32 (2)(A) ~~However, at no time shall~~ Except as provided in
33 subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section, the rates for rural territory so
34 served shall not exceed the rates charged to ratepayers receiving service
35 within the municipality, ~~provided, however, that, where the.~~

36 (B) If a municipality serves less than three thousand



1 (3,000) customers outside its corporate limits, then rates may be ten percent
2 (10%) higher than rates inside its corporate limits if, ~~but only if~~, such
3 rates for service with the ten percent (10%) surcharge are equal to, or less
4 than, rates for service of electric or water public utilities adjacent to the
5 municipality's service territory.

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