

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to municipal water and sewer utility
 3 rates; amending s. 180.191, F.S.; requiring a
 4 municipality to charge consumers receiving its utility
 5 services in another municipality the same rates, fees,
 6 and charges as it charges consumers within its own
 7 municipal boundaries under certain circumstances;
 8 providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 **Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section**
 13 **180.191, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3),**
 14 **(4), and (5), respectively, subsection (1) is amended, and a new**
 15 **subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:**

16 180.191 Limitation on rates charged consumer outside city
 17 limits.—

18 (1) Any municipality within this ~~the~~ state that operates
 19 ~~operating~~ a water or sewer utility outside ~~of~~ the boundaries of
 20 the ~~such~~ municipality shall charge consumers outside the
 21 boundaries rates, fees, and charges determined in one of the
 22 following manners:

23 (a) It may charge the same rates, fees, and charges as
 24 consumers inside the municipal boundaries. However, in addition
 25 ~~thereto~~, the municipality may add a surcharge of not more than

26 | 25 percent of such rates, fees, and charges to consumers outside
27 | the boundaries, except as provided in subsection (2). Fixing of
28 | the such rates, fees, and charges in this manner does ~~shall~~ not
29 | require a public hearing except as may be provided for service
30 | to consumers inside the municipality.

31 | (b) It may charge rates, fees, and charges that are just
32 | and equitable and that ~~which~~ are based on the same factors used
33 | in fixing the rates, fees, and charges for consumers inside the
34 | municipal boundaries, except as provided in subsection (2). In
35 | addition ~~thereto~~, the municipality may add a surcharge not to
36 | exceed 25 percent of the such rates, fees, and charges for ~~said~~
37 | services to consumers outside the boundaries. However, the total
38 | of all the such rates, fees, and charges for the services to
39 | consumers outside the boundaries may ~~shall~~ not be more than 50
40 | percent in excess of the total amount the municipality charges
41 | consumers served within the municipality for corresponding
42 | service. The No-Such rates, fees, and charges may not ~~shall~~ be
43 | fixed until after a public hearing at which all of the users of
44 | the water or sewer systems; owners, tenants, or occupants of
45 | property served or to be served ~~thereby~~; and all others
46 | interested ~~shall~~ have had an opportunity to be heard concerning
47 | the proposed rates, fees, and charges. Any change or revision of
48 | the such rates, fees, or charges may be made in the same manner
49 | as the such rates, fees, or charges were originally established,
50 | but if a such change or revision is to be made substantially pro

51 | rata as to all classes of service, both inside and outside the
52 | municipality, a ~~no~~ hearing or notice is not ~~shall be~~ required.

53 | (2) Any municipality within this state that operates a
54 | water or sewer utility providing service to consumers within the
55 | boundaries of a separate municipality using a water treatment
56 | plant or sewer treatment plant located within the boundaries of
57 | that separate municipality shall charge consumers in the
58 | separate municipality the same rates, fees, and charges as it
59 | charges the consumers within its own municipal boundaries.

60 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.