

**SENATE BILL No. 154**

By Senator Haley

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1 AN ACT concerning cities; relating to a board of public utilities; limiting  
2 the amount of fees, taxes and other charges included on a utility bill;  
3 amending K.S.A. 13-1223a, 13-1227 and 13-1228 and repealing the  
4 existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 New Section 1. In addition to the customer charges for the provision  
8 of sewer, water and electric service, a customer of a board of public  
9 utilities shall not be assessed an amount of fees, taxes, payment in lieu of  
10 taxes or other charges that exceeds 15% of the combined utility service  
11 charges for the provision of such sewer, water and electric service.

12 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 13-1223a is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-  
13 1223a. *Except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto*, the board  
14 of public utilities ~~shall~~, at the direction of the governing body of the city,  
15 *shall* bill, collect and enforce collection of sewer service charges through  
16 the administrative departments of the board in accordance with rules and  
17 regulations and on terms and conditions established by the governing body  
18 of the city.

19 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 13-1227 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-  
20 1227. (a) *Except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto*, the  
21 board of public utilities shall fix reasonable rates for water furnished to  
22 consumers ~~which~~ *that will*:

23 (1) ~~will~~ Secure an income sufficient to pay all salaries and wages of  
24 all officers and employees in such departments;

25 (2) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all materials and supplies used in the  
26 operation of the plant;

27 (3) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs;

28 (4) ~~will~~ cover all miscellaneous expenses;

29 (5) ~~will~~ pay the principal of and the interest on all revenue bond  
30 indebtedness of the city incurred for the purpose of purchasing, improving  
31 or extending the waterworks, and will provide a sinking fund sufficient to  
32 pay the principal of and the interest on such indebtedness at maturity; and

33 (6) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs and renewals of the plant and all  
34 material used, together with a reasonable allowance for emergency and  
35 unforeseen expenses.

36 (b) Upon direction of the city, the board shall install, repair, replace

1 and remove fire hydrants at a reasonable cost determined by the city and  
2 ~~shall~~ provide an adequate water supply through such hydrants at a  
3 reasonable cost determined by the city. The city may fix special rates for  
4 water furnished to the city for public purposes, or to organized institutions  
5 of charity.

6 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 13-1228 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-  
7 1228. (a) *Except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto*, the  
8 board of public utilities shall fix reasonable rates for electricity furnished  
9 to consumers ~~which~~ *that will*:

10 (1) ~~Will~~ Secure an income sufficient to pay all salaries and wages of  
11 all officers and employees in such department;

12 (2) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all materials and supplies used in the  
13 operation of the plant;

14 (3) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs;

15 (4) ~~will~~ cover all miscellaneous expenses;

16 (5) ~~will~~ pay the principal of and the interest on all revenue bond  
17 indebtedness of the city incurred for the purpose of purchasing, improving  
18 or extending the electric-light plant and will provide a sinking fund  
19 sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such indebtedness at  
20 maturity; and

21 (6) ~~will~~ cover the cost of all repairs and renewals of the plant and all  
22 material used, together with a reasonable allowance for emergency and  
23 unforeseen expenses.

24 (b) Upon direction of the city, the board shall install, repair, maintain  
25 and replace street lighting equipment and traffic signal equipment at a  
26 reasonable cost determined by the city, and shall provide an adequate  
27 supply of electricity to such street lights and traffic signals at a reasonable  
28 cost determined by the city. The city may fix special rates for electricity  
29 furnished to the city for public purposes.

30 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 13-1223a, 13-1227 and 13-1228 are hereby repealed.

31 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
32 publication in the statute book.