

Session 119 - (2011-2012)

H 4256 General Bill, By Bowen

Summary: Water service charges

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 5-31-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MUNICIPALITY PURCHASES A WATER COMPANY SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN THE COUNTY WHERE IT IS LOCATED, IT MAY NOT CHARGE MORE FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATER COMPANY THAN WAS PERMITTED TO BE CHARGED TO THOSE CUSTOMERS AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE IF IT REPRESENTED IN A LETTER TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE WATER COMPANY THAT THEIR WATER RATES WOULD NOT BE INCREASED AS A RESULT OF THE PURCHASE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON PETITION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IS VESTED WITH AND SHALL ASSUME JURISDICTION OVER THE PROVIDING OF WATER SERVICE TO THE FORMER CUSTOMERS OF THE PURCHASED WATER COMPANY IF IT FINDS AFTER HEARING BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT SUCH A VIOLATION DID OCCUR.

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