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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 66, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to water service lines in certain counties, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 66, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 66.405, to read as follows:

66.405. 1. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the proposal, a county of the first classification having a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants may, by ordinance, levy and impose annually, upon water service lines providing water service to residential property having four or fewer dwelling units, a fee not to exceed one dollar per month or an equivalent rate collected at some other interval.

2. The ballot of submission shall be substantially of the following form:

Shall county be authorized to impose a fee not to exceed one dollar per month or an equivalent rate collected at some other interval upon all water service lines providing water service within the county to residential property having four or fewer dwelling units for the purpose of paying for the costs of water service line repairs, replacements or relocations caused by leaking water service lines?

G Yes

G No

3. For the purpose of this section, a water service line may be defined by local ordinance, but may not include the water meter or exceed that portion of water piping and related valves and connectors which extends from the water mains owned by the utility or municipality distributing public water supply to the first connection or joint beyond the point of entry into the premises receiving water service, and may not include facilities owned by the utility or municipality distributing public water

supply. For purposes of this section, repair may be defined and limited by local ordinance, and may include replacement, repairs or relocation when made necessary by improvements to public right-of-way.

4. If a majority of the voters voting thereon approve the proposal authorized in subsection 1 of this section, the governing body of the county may enact an ordinance for the collection of such fee. The funds collected pursuant to such ordinance shall be deposited in a special account to be used solely for the purpose of paying for the costs reasonably associated with and necessary to administer and carry out the water service line repairs as defined in the ordinance and, if sufficient revenues are available, to reimburse the necessary costs of water service line repair, replacement or relocation made necessary by public right-of-way improvements.

5. The county may contract with any provider of water service in the county to bill and collect such fees along with bills for water service and to pursue collection of such amounts through discontinuance of service as may be directed by the county. The county may establish, as provided in the ordinance, regulations necessary for the administration of collections, claims, repairs, relocations, replacements and all other activities necessary and convenient for the implementation of any ordinance adopted and approved pursuant to this section. The county may contract with one or more persons, through a competitive bidding process, to provide for administration of any portion of implementation activities of any ordinance adopted and approved pursuant to this section.

Section B. Due to the immediate need to provide assistance for repair and maintenance of water service lines in certain counties, this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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