**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 6‑15‑80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONTRACTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES FOR JOINT COLLECTION OF CHARGES FOR SEWER AND WATER SERVICE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE MAXIMUM FEE THAT MAY BE COLLECTED PER SINGLE JOINT BILL FOR SEWER AND WATER SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 6‑15‑80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 6‑15‑80. In instances where the governing body providing sewer service does not furnish water service also, but some other private or public agency furnishes water service to some or to all of the persons to whom ~~such~~ the governing body furnishes sewer ~~collection~~ service, then in ~~such~~ that event the governing body providing sewer service ~~shall~~ must be fully empowered to contract with ~~such~~ the private or public agency for the collection of its sewer service charge as a part of a single joint bill for water and sewer service. ~~Such~~ The contract ~~shall~~ must be upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable and shall constitute the collecting agency, the agent of the particular governing body for the purpose of collecting sewer service charges ~~as~~ that the governing body shall ~~from time to time~~ impose, and shall empower the collecting agency, as agent of the governing body, to disconnect water service upon nonpayment of ~~such~~ the sewer service charge. Any charge by the water service provider to act as the collecting agency for the sewer service provider must be limited to the greater of the actual incremental additional cost of providing such service or one dollar and fifty cents per single joint bill for water and sewer service.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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