

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Local
5 Government Billing Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Corporate authorities" includes, but is not limited to:

- 8 (1) the county board of a county;
9 (2) the corporate authorities of a municipality;
10 (3) the township officials of a township; and
11 (4) the board of trustees of a special district.

12 Section 10. Billing for services.

13 (a) Beginning on the effective date of this Act, the
14 corporate authorities of any unit of local government
15 operating a waterworks, sewerage system, combined waterworks
16 and sewerage system, or electric utility:

- 17 (1) shall bill for any utility service, including
18 previously unbilled service: (A) within 12 months after
19 the provision of that service to the customer if the
20 service is supplied to a residential customer; or (B)
21 within 24 months after the provision of that service to
22 that customer if the service is supplied to a

1 non-residential customer; however, the corporate
2 authorities of the unit of government may bill for unpaid
3 amounts that were billed to a customer or if the customer
4 was notified that there is an unpaid amount before the
5 effective date of this Act for service that was supplied
6 to the customer before January 1, 2026;

7 (2) shall not intentionally delay billing beyond the
8 normal billing cycle;

9 (3) shall label any amount attributed to previously
10 unbilled service as such on the customer's bill and
11 include the beginning and ending dates for the period
12 during which the previously unbilled amount accrued;

13 (4) shall issue the makeup billing amount calculated
14 on a prorated basis to reflect the varying rates for
15 previously unbilled service accrued over a period of time
16 when the rates for service have varied; and

17 (5) shall provide the customer with the option of a
18 payment arrangement to retire the makeup bill for
19 previously unbilled service by periodic payments, without
20 interest or late fees, over a time equal to the amount of
21 time the billing was delayed.

22 (b) The time limit of paragraph (1) of subsection (a)
23 shall not apply to previously unbilled service attributed to
24 tampering, theft of service, fraud, or the customer preventing
25 the utility's recorded efforts to obtain an accurate reading
26 of the meter.

1 Section 15. Home rule. A home rule unit of local
2 government may not regulate utilities in a manner inconsistent
3 with this Act. This Section is a limitation under subsection
4 (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on
5 the concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and
6 functions exercised by the State.