

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 13, 2014

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1903

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

Casey of the House

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8 **[ public utility service - delinquent utility bills -  
codification -**

9 **emergency ]**

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 35-207 of Title 11, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. Municipalities and Rural Water, Sewer, Gas and Solid Waste  
16 Districts created pursuant to the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas and Solid  
17 Waste Management Districts Act are hereby authorized to utilize the  
18 services of any secure database, whether publicly or privately owned  
19 and operated, to enter information on a new customer who is  
20 requesting a new utility service from such municipality or other  
21 entity and to verify if that person is responsible for any  
22 delinquent utility bills for water, gas, sewer, solid waste or  
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1 electric service in any other municipality or entity located in this  
2 state.

3 B. A municipality or other utility service entity shall, upon  
4 establishing that the delinquent amount is properly due and owed by  
5 that particular individual in that amount, may refuse to provide the  
6 requested utility services to that person or any other person  
7 residing at the same residence, until the person provides proof of  
8 curing the delinquency to the satisfaction of the municipality or  
9 utility service provider.

10 C. The provisions of this act shall apply only to persons  
11 seeking new utility service from a new provider and shall not affect  
12 any utility services, whether delinquent or not, of a customer  
13 currently being served by a municipality or other provider.  
14 Disputes relating to delinquent payments by current customers of a  
15 utility service provider shall be otherwise governed by law or  
16 ordinance or rule of the utility provider.

17 D. Further, the provisions of this act shall not be construed  
18 to affect any current utility service or delinquent obligations for  
19 service owed by any customer or former customer of any public  
20 utility service provider under the jurisdiction and direct  
21 regulation of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
4 February 13, 2014 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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