

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE BILL 1656

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to telephone payments; stating
8 minimum period for certain payments; setting
9 calculation of minimum period; prohibiting late
10 charge assessment within minimum period; exempting
11 certain payment and statement methods from minimum
12 period; providing for codification; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 135.1 of Title 17, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 Every telephone company subject to the jurisdiction of the
19 Corporation Commission is required to allow its customers a minimum
20 of fifteen (15) days for payment receipt after notice of payment
21 due. Such minimum time period shall be calculated from the date of
22 the actual mailing of the payment invoice, billing or statement
23 showing account balance or payment due. Notwithstanding any payment
24 due date printed on the customer's billing, invoice or statement,
25 the customer's payment shall not be deemed late or accessed late

1 payment charges when such payment is received within the minimal
2 period required in this section. The provisions of this section
3 shall not apply to customer authorized automatic debit payments,
4 recurring bill-pay or electronic statements.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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