

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 621

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to rural electric cooperatives;
establishing maximum rate allowed for utility pole
attachments; providing for certain rate increase;
establishing responsibility of certain costs;
determining maximum rate for certain services;
providing limitations on services; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 437.30 of Title 18, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The rates charged by a rural electric cooperative for
attachments to utility poles by communications services providers
shall not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per rural electric
cooperative owned pole per year. Beginning on or after the
effective date of this act, this rate shall increase only by an
amount equal to the increase in the annual recurring rate permitted
under rules and regulations adopted pursuant to 47 U.S.C., Section
224(d), as amended.

1 B. The rates provided in this section shall not include any
2 applicable charges for electric power, which a communications
3 services provider shall pay separately for such services and such
4 services shall be at market rate.

5 C. Any rural electric cooperative that attaches to a pole
6 resulting in the relocation of an existing attachment of a
7 communications services provider shall pay for the cost of the
8 relocation of the communications services provider's attachment
9 including pole replacement if necessary, provided that, such
10 attachment was previously in compliance with all agreed upon safety
11 and contractual standards.

12 D. Any rural electric cooperative that attaches to any utility
13 pole for the purposes of providing telecommunications or Internet
14 services shall pay an attachment rate equal to the highest rate
15 being paid by any other attacher with the same utility.

16 E. No rural electric cooperative shall provide cable television
17 or video services, as defined in Section 22-107.1 of Title 11 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes, to any municipality without first obtaining a
19 franchise from the city or town.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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