

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE BILL 1622

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to landlord and tenant; creating  
8 liability for tenants who leave certain unpaid  
9 utility rates or charges; abrogating liability of  
10 landlord for certain unpaid utility rates or charges;  
11 requiring utility companies to restore services in  
12 certain circumstances; providing for codification;  
13 and providing an 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 130.2 of Title 41, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. If a tenant abandons, surrenders possession of, or is  
19 evicted from residential rental property and leaves unpaid utility  
20 rates or charges in the tenant's name, the tenant shall be liable  
21 for such unpaid utility rates or charges to the utility company that  
22 the tenant contracted with for service.

23 B. The utility company shall not pursue payment of the unpaid  
24 rates or charges from the landlord if the utility company was not  
25 contracted in the landlord's name. The landlord shall not be liable

1 to the utility company for any unpaid rates or charges. The utility  
2 company shall pursue payment from the tenant.

3 C. If the tenant fails to make payment of all amounts due and  
4 owing to the utility company, the utility company shall not penalize  
5 the landlord for nonpayment by the tenant. At the request of the  
6 landlord, the utility company shall restore services to the  
7 landlord's property and pursue payment for the unpaid rates or  
8 charges from the tenant.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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