

By: Representative Barnett (116th)

To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE
 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ALLOW MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING
 3 OWNERS TO USE SUBMETERING EQUIPMENT OR AN ECONOMIC ALLOCATION
 4 METHODOLOGY TO DETERMINE WATER USAGE PER TENANT AND TO AUTHORIZE
 5 THOSE BUILDING OWNERS TO BILL TENANTS INDIVIDUALLY FOR WATER AND
 6 WASTEWATER SERVICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. The Public Service Commission shall promulgate
 9 rules and regulations that are necessary or appropriate to allow
 10 the owner or operator of a building containing residential units
 11 to install submetering equipment or use an economic allocation
 12 methodology to determine the quantity of water which is provided
 13 to tenants. The building owner or operator may charge each tenant
 14 individually for water and wastewater service according to the
 15 tenant's usage, as determined through the use of the submetering
 16 equipment or allocation methodology.

17 A building owner or operator who uses submetering equipment
 18 or an economic allocation methodology under rules and regulations
 19 promulgated by the commission pursuant to this section may not be
 20 considered, by virtue of those activities, the owner or operator
 21 of a public water system or public utility.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
 23 and after July 1, 2001.