

By: Representative Robinson (63rd)

To: Municipalities; County  
Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1119

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE TO HELP COLLECT DELINQUENT  
2 MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR RURAL WATER BILLS; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** For purposes of this act:

6 (a) "Water sewer association" means any corporation,  
7 whether for profit or not for profit, that provides, distributes,  
8 transmits, treats, pumps, or stores raw or potable water to, or  
9 for the benefit of, members of the general public or commercial,  
10 industrial and other users; and

11 (b) "Water sewer system" means any entity that  
12 provides, distributes, transmits, treats, pumps or stores raw or  
13 potable water to or for the benefit of members of the general  
14 public and commercial, industrial, and other users, including,  
15 without limitation, the following entities that perform such  
16 activities:

- 17 (i) Municipalities;  
18 (ii) Counties; and  
19 (iii) Water sewer associations.

20 **SECTION 2.** When a person is delinquent on the payment of an  
21 undisputed bill for water sewer service provided by a water sewer  
22 system within this state, moves into another area of this state,  
23 and that person applies for or receives water from another water  
24 sewer system, if the person's former water sewer system  
25 establishes that there is no dispute that the delinquent amount is  
26 properly due and owed by that particular individual in that  
27 amount, the new water sewer system shall refuse to provide water

28 sewer service to the delinquent person until such person provides  
29 proof of curing the delinquency.

30 **SECTION 3.** No provision of this act shall apply to a water  
31 sewer system that is regulated by the Mississippi Public Service  
32 Commission as a "public utility" as defined in Section 77-3-3.

33 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2007.