

1 AN ACT relating to water districts and associations.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 278 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 *(1) Any water district or water association formed for the purpose of furnishing*
6 *water or sewer services to the general public for compensation pursuant to KRS*
7 *Chapters 74 or 273 may assess a customer who fails to pay a bill for rendered*
8 *services by the due date shown on the bill a late payment charge of ten percent*
9 *(10%) of the amount billed.*
- 10 *(2) A late payment charge or fee shall not be assessed more than once per billing*
11 *cycle or on any part of the late payment charge.*
- 12 *(3) Any payment received by a water district or water association shall first be*
13 *applied to the portion of the bill for service rendered.*
- 14 *(4) The commission shall not modify, reject, or suspend the operation of a late*
15 *payment charge that is provided for in a water district or water association tariff.*
- 16 *(5) Once the late payment charge is established by tariff, a water district or water*
17 *association shall not be required to demonstrate to the commission that the late*
18 *payment charge is required to recover customer-specific costs incurred that*
19 *would otherwise result in a monetary loss to the utility or increased rates to other*
20 *customers to whom no benefits accrue from the service provided or actions taken.*