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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 386, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to low-income rate authorization for water corporations and sewer corporations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 386, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 386.264, to read as follows:

**386.264. 1. In any general rate proceeding for a water
2 corporation or sewer corporation, the commission shall have authority
3 to set a separate, lower fixed charge or customer charge for low-
4 income customers of such water corporation or sewer corporation,
5 upon a determination that such charge is in the public interest,
6 provided that rates are designed such that the rates are not financially
7 detrimental to the water corporation or sewer corporation.**

8 **2. For purposes of this section, "low-income customer" means a
9 residential customer who meets the criteria for assistance for the
10 Utilicare program under sections 660.100 to 660.136.**

11 **3. The commission may promulgate rules to implement the
12 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
13 is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority
14 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with
15 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable,
16 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if
17 any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
18 chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and
19 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
20 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August**

21 28, 2019, shall be invalid and void.

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