

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1923

By: Martinez of the House

3 and

4 Leewright of the Senate

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6 [telecommunications - imposing maximum charges with
7 respect to certain connections to utility poles -
8 requiring franchise prior to provision of cable
9 television or video service - effective date]
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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 437.35 of Title 18, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The rates charged by a rural electric cooperative for
19 attachments to utility poles by communications services providers
20 shall not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per rural-electric-
21 cooperative-owned pole per year. This rate shall increase only by
22 an amount equal to the increase in the annual recurring rate
23 permitted under rules and regulations adopted pursuant to 47 U.S.C.,
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1 Section 224(d) by the Federal Communications Commission after the
2 effective date of this act.

3 B. The rates provided in this section do not include any
4 applicable charges for electric power. A communications services
5 provider must pay separately for such services and such services
6 shall be at market rate.

7 C. Any rural electric cooperative that attaches to a pole that
8 results in the relocation of a communications services provider's
9 existing attachment, provided that such attachment was previously in
10 compliance with all agreed upon safety and contractual standards,
11 shall pay for the cost of the relocation of the communications
12 services provider's attachment, including pole replacement if
13 necessary.

14 D. Any rural electric cooperative that attaches for the
15 purposes of providing telecommunications or Internet services to any
16 utility pole shall pay an attachment rate equal to the highest rate
17 being paid by any other attacher with the same utility.

18 E. No rural electric cooperative may provide cable television
19 or video service to any incorporated city or town without first
20 obtaining a franchise from the city or town.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2021.

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