

HB 2079 -- SEWER AND WATER SERVICE

SPONSOR: Funderburk

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Utilities by a vote of 15 to 0.

This bill allows specified sewer service providers to contract with a municipality providing water or any water district established under Chapter 247, RSMo, for the termination of water service to a customer for nonpayment of a sewer bill. Currently, the specified sewer service providers may only contract with a water corporation to terminate water service for nonpayment of a sewer bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill extends the right to contract between sewer service providers regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission and water districts and water providers not regulated by the commission. The bill will be useful to ensure fair billing practices by helping sewer providers recover their costs from their customers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Funderburk and Missouri Public Service Commission.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.