

HB 2616 -- VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISES

SPONSOR: Rhoads

This bill decreases the franchise fees paid by video service providers in a staggered fashion. On and after August, 28, 2019, in any city or county with 250,000 or more inhabitants, the percentage of gross revenues used to determine franchise fees shall be 4.5%, and shall be reduced annually thereafter by 0.5% until the franchise fees are calculated using 1% of the gross revenues from each video service provider in an applicable franchise area. The percentage of gross revenues is diminished in the same manner in cities or counties with at least 30,000 but less than 250,000 inhabitants starting August 28, 2020, and in cities or counties with less than 30,000 inhabitants starting August 28, 2021.