

HB 2467 -- RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

SPONSOR: Bromley

This bill allows a third class or fourth class city to sell or lease its municipal electric utility to a rural electric cooperative to provide retail electric service within the corporate boundaries of the city.

The bill also specifies that it is a restraint of trade under the Missouri Antitrust Law for a municipality to require, as a condition of annexation or as a condition of the provision of other municipal services in the area to be annexed, that the owner or owners of fee interests of record in the area to be annexed obtain electric service from the electric provider currently providing electric service within the municipality's corporate boundaries. At the same time as giving notice by publication of the proposed annexation as required for voluntary annexation and involuntary annexation, the municipality must also notify in writing all providers of electric service that have existing facilities located in or within 5 miles outside of the boundaries of the area proposed to be annexed. In the event that an owner of a fee interest of record in the area chooses to receive permanent service from a rural electric cooperative for any structure to be constructed either before or after the annexation, the rural electric cooperative may provide such service.

In the event that a rural electric cooperative is providing service to a structure located within a city, town, or village in excess of 1500 inhabitants, and the structure is demolished and replaced by a new structure, the rural electric cooperative may provide permanent service to the new structure upon the request of the owner of the new structure.

This bill is the same as SB 817 (2020).