

House Study Bill 13 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON COWNIE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act restricting the regulatory authority of the Iowa
2 utilities board with regard to municipal utility
3 disconnection of service requirements.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 476.1B, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. Disconnection of service, as set forth in section 476.20,
4 subsections 1 through 4.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill relates to the regulatory authority of the Iowa
9 utilities board with regard to municipal utility disconnection
10 procedures.

11 Currently, Code section 476.1B provides that a municipally
12 owned utility is not subject to regulation by the Iowa
13 utilities board, subject to certain specified exceptions. One
14 such exception is with regard to disconnection of service, as
15 provided in Code section 476.20.

16 The bill modifies this reference to Code section 476.20 to
17 limit the applicability of board regulation to subsections
18 1 through 4 of the Code section. This renders provisions
19 contained in Code section 476.20, subsection 5, regarding the
20 board establishing rules relating to deposits which may be
21 required by a utility for the initiation or reinstatement of
22 service, inapplicable to municipal utilities.