

~~No~~ A public utility subject to rate regulation shall not make effective any new or changed rate, charge, schedule or regulation except by filing the same it with the commission at least thirty days prior to the its effective date thereof. The commission, for good cause shown, may allow changes in rates, charges, schedules or regulations to become effective on less than thirty days' notice. ~~The commission shall not approve a charge nor shall a public utility make a charge for telephone directory assistance~~ Any subscriber of a telephone exchange or service, who is declared to be legally blind under section 422.12(e),* shall be exempt from any charges for telephone directory assistance that may be approved by the commerce commission.

Notwithstanding unnumbered paragraph 1 of this section, as of July 1, 1984, the Iowa state commerce commission shall not approve a schedule of telephone directory assistance charges unless the schedule provides that there shall not be a charge for directory assistance unless the telephone number requested is listed in the telephone directory most recently published and distributed by the utility.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. A telephone directory assistance tariff that is approved by the commission on or after the effective date of this Act shall be subject to the limitation that a subscriber shall not be charged for the first seven directory assistance calls made from the subscriber's station during each of the first twelve months in which the tariff is in effect, and a charge made in violation of this limitation is an unlawful charge within the meaning of chapter 476.

Approved April 27, 1981

CHAPTER 158

UTILITIES DIVISION FUNDING OF COMMERCE COMMISSION

H. F. 398

AN ACT relating to the funding of the operations of the utilities division of the Iowa state commerce commission, and providing for semiannual remainder assessments against public utilities, and for a supplemental appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars to the commerce commission for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1980, and ending June 30, 1981, for operational purposes, to be effective upon publication.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 476.10, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

The commission shall ~~annually, within ninety days after the close of each fiscal year,~~ ascertain the total of its expenditures during each year which are reasonably attributable to the performance of its duties under this

*422.12(1)"e" probably intended

chapter and shall deduct therefrom all amounts chargeable directly to any specific utility under any law. The remainder shall be assessed by the commission to the several public utilities in proportion to their respective gross operating revenues during the last calendar year derived from intrastate public utility operations and shall be assessed within ninety days of the close of the calendar year based upon an estimate of the commission expenditures for the first half of the commission's fiscal year and again within ninety days of the close of the fiscal year as necessary to conform the amount of the assessment to the requirements of this section. The total amount which may be assessed to the public utilities under authority of this paragraph shall not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the total gross operating revenues of such public utilities during such calendar year derived from intrastate public utility operations. For public utilities exempted from rate regulation under this chapter, the assessments under this paragraph shall be computed at one-half the rate used in computing the assessment for other utilities.

Sec. 2. Acts of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, 1979 Session, chapter 4, section 2, subsection 5, paragraph c, unnumbered paragraph 1, is amended to read as follows:

For salaries and wages for not more than eighty-one full-time equivalent positions and for support, maintenance, and other operational purposes \$ 2,092,492 ~~\$-2,099,228~~
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Sec. 3. This Act being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect from and after its publication in the Fort Dodge Messenger, a newspaper published in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and in The Cedar Rapids Gazette, a newspaper published in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Approved March 13, 1981

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned, Secretary of State of Iowa, under the provisions of Section 3.9, Code of Iowa, 1979, there being no newspaper by the name of the Fort Dodge Messenger, published in Fort Dodge, Iowa, I hereby designate The Messenger, published in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to publish the foregoing Act, House File 398.

MARY JANE ODELL, *Secretary of State*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 398, was published in The Messenger, Fort Dodge, Iowa on March 25, 1981, and in The Cedar Rapids Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 26, 1981.

MARY JANE ODELL, *Secretary of State*