

## HOUSE BILL No. 2318

By Representative Swenson (By request)

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AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to certain notices of nonpayment.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Property owner" means the owner of record of real property.

(2) "Utility" means: (A) Any cooperative, as defined by K.S.A. 17-4603, and amendments thereto; (B) any public utility, as defined by K.S.A. 66-104, and amendments thereto; or (C) any municipally owned or operated utility.

(b) If a property owner leases or rents real property to another who is responsible for payment for utility service to such property, the property owner may make a written request to any utility providing such service for notice of intent to discontinue utility service to such property. Such request shall include the address of the property, the name of the property owner and the address at which the notice is to be sent.

(c) Not less than 30 days before discontinuing utility service to property for which the property owner has requested notice pursuant to this section, the utility shall send, by first-class mail, return receipt requested, a notice that such utility service will be discontinued and the date on which such service will be discontinued.

(d) A utility may charge a property owner an annual fee not to exceed \$3 for each property for which a property owner requests notice pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.