HOUSE BILL No. 2167

By Committee on Judiciary

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9 AN ACT establishing the landowners' bill of rights; placing certain 10 requirements on certain persons and entities entering on another's 11 property.

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

14 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known as the landowners' bill of 15 rights.

- (b) As used in this section:
- "Emergency" means a condition constituting a clear and present danger to life, health or property or a customer service outage.
- "Utility service" means electric, natural gas, water, sewer, storm water or telecommunications service.
- Except in the case of an emergency, no provider of utility service, and no person or entity acting at the direction of a provider of utility service, shall enter on another's real property for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing or performing other work in connection with any utility service unless the person or entity first gives written notice to the owner of the property, stating:
 - The nature of the work to be done;
 - (2)the dates when the work will begin and when it will be completed;
- (3)the persons performing the work;
- (4)telephone numbers where more information about the work can be obtained; and
- the process for resolving disputes between the property owner and the person or entity performing the work.
- (d) A provider of utility service which maintains, repairs, removes or performs other work in connection with any utility service on another's real property, and any person or entity performing such work at the direction of a provider of utility service, shall be required to treat the owner of such property with courtesy, respect and fairness.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.