

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2857

By: Wallace

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to municipal franchise agreements;  
8 providing for continued collections of certain fee  
9 under certain conditions; requiring certain  
10 collections be placed in escrow; providing for  
11 codification; and declaring an emergency.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 158-1 of Title 17, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 If legal actions have commenced or reasonable legal uncertainty  
17 exists related to the status of expiration, extension, or renewal of  
18 a franchise agreement lawfully entered into under the provisions of  
19 Section 5(a) of Article 18 of the Oklahoma Constitution, a supplier  
20 that is or has been operating under a franchise granted by the  
21 voters of a municipality may continue to collect related voter  
22 approved franchise fees until such legal actions and uncertainties  
23 have been resolved, provided that during such period such  
24 collections shall be placed in escrow.

1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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