

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1673

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVENSON.

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 71, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to water providers.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 71, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 71.543, to read as follows:

3 **71.543. Any fire protection service rate, private fire service rate, or similar rate**  
4 **charged by a water provider to its customers for providing water service and fire hydrants**  
5 **to a city, town, or village for the purpose of fire protection service shall be approved by the**  
6 **governing body of the city, town, or village. The governing body shall hold a public**  
7 **hearing to consider evidence on the relation between the rate to be charged and cost of**  
8 **providing the water service and fire hydrants. If the governing body determines that the**  
9 **rate is rationally related to such cost it shall approve the rate. Before the rate may be**  
10 **changed the governing body shall hold a public hearing to consider evidence on the**  
**rationality of the proposed rate to the cost of providing the water service and fire hydrants**  
**and approve the new rate if it is rationally related to such cost.**