

HB 2587 -- Utilities

Sponsor: Wright-Jones (63)

This bill allows public utilities to require a certificate of deposit or other guarantee of new residential utility service if the customer has interfered with service within the last five years or fails to meet an acceptable credit rating limit. The criteria a customer must meet to have an acceptable credit rating limit are specified. Public utilities are also allowed to require a certificate of deposit or other guarantee for providing continued residential service if the customer has previously had his or her service disconnected for nonpayment or has interfered with the utility service. Disputed utility bills are not sufficient to require deposits unless they are greater than \$500 or the customer fails to consistently pay for a portion of his or her utility service each month.