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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 453**

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## **AN ACT**

To amend chapter 393, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to utility rates.

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

Section A. Chapter 393, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 393.1900, to read as follows:

393.1900. 1. Utilities under this chapter shall forgive any past-due balances incurred during a state of emergency during the COVID-19 pandemic, as declared by the governor in an executive order, before raising a customer's rate.

2. Any customer whose rate is raised before past-due balances incurred during a state of emergency during the COVID-19 pandemic are forgiven, as declared by the governor in an executive order, shall have a cause of action for injunctive and punitive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

