

House Bill 1476

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Waycross, approved August 17,  
2 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1989  
3 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4916), so as to provide that the city shall provide certain receipts for water  
4 and sewage and related service customers; to authorize certain late fees and reconnection  
5 fees; to provide for disconnection and reconnection of service; to provide for related matters;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Waycross, approved August 17, 1909  
10 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1989  
11 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4916), is amended by designating the present matter contained in Section 48  
12 of the Act as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) The city shall provide, upon customer request, a written receipt to the customer  
14 showing the actual date on which a payment from the customer to the city for water and  
15 sewage and related services was received by the city. The city is authorized to charge a  
16 late fee in an amount not to exceed \$5.00 in the event that a bill is not paid in full by the  
17 due date specified on the city's written billing. Only when a customer's bill remains  
18 unpaid or outstanding after 15 days beyond the due date may the city disconnect service  
19 to such customer for nonpayment of a bill. In the event that service is disconnected for  
20 nonpayment of a bill pursuant to this subsection, the city is authorized to require the  
21 payment of a reconnection fee in an amount not to exceed \$15.00, as well as the payment  
22 of any outstanding late fee, prior to the reconnection of the service at the request of the  
23 customer."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.