

# HOUSE BILL No. 5135

October 4, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Profit, Harrison, Bennett, Palamara, Clack, Perry Bullard, Emerson, Jonker, Scott, Kosteva, Varga and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

A bill to amend section 7 of Act No. 419 of the Public Acts of 1919, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of certain public utilities operated within this state; to create a public utilities commission and to define the powers and duties thereof; to abolish the Michigan railroad commission and to confer the powers and duties thereof on the commission hereby created; to provide for the transfer and completion of matters and proceedings now pending before said railroad commission; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions hereof,"

as amended by Act No. 231 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 460.57 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Section 7 of Act No. 419 of the Public Acts of  
2 1919, as amended by Act No. 231 of the Public Acts of 1988, being  
3 section 460.57 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

1       Sec. 7. (1) ~~Any~~ A corporation, joint stock company,  
2 association, or individual operating a public utility within this  
3 state THAT IS subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this act shall have  
4 and maintain a principal office within this state. All books,  
5 accounts, papers, and records pertaining to the business and  
6 operation of the utility shall be kept in the office, unless the  
7 commission by special order or by rule or regulation may other-  
8 wise provide. Schedules of rates in a form and in such detail as  
9 the commission may direct shall be filed in the office of the  
10 commission and copies of the schedules shall be printed and  
11 posted in the principal office of the utility and other such  
12 locations as the commission may direct. A schedule shall not be  
13 operative unless and until it has been approved by the commis-  
14 sion; nor shall any change be made in the schedules except upon  
15 approval of the commission. The commission may adopt rules and  
16 regulations governing the presentation of the schedules and  
17 desired changes, and action on the schedules, and ~~shall have~~  
18 ~~full authority to~~ MAY regulate the procedure to be observed.

19       (2) IF A CORPORATION, JOINT STOCK COMPANY, ASSOCIATION, OR  
20 INDIVIDUAL OPERATING A PUBLIC UTILITY SUBJECT TO THIS ACT OFFERS  
21 SERVICE IN A CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP WITH A POPULATION OF  
22 30,000 OR MORE, THE CORPORATION, JOINT STOCK COMPANY, ASSOCIA-  
23 TION, OR INDIVIDUAL SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN A BRANCH OFFICE IN  
24 THAT CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP. THE BRANCH OFFICE SHALL OFFER  
25 ROUTINE BUSINESS SERVICES TO CUSTOMERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED  
26 TO, ACCEPTING PAYMENTS AND ANSWERING BILLING INQUIRIES. THIS  
27 SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A BRANCH OFFICE IN ADDITION TO THE

1 PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN THE CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP WHERE THE  
2 PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS LOCATED.