

HB 588 INTRODUCED BY DARKO  
ALLOW COLLECTION OF CITY WATER CHARGES IN SAME  
MANNER AS CITY SEWER CHARGES

2/03 INTRODUCED  
2/03 REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
2/16 HEARING  
2/16 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House BILL NO. 588  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITY  
5 WATER SERVICE CHARGES MAY BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS  
6 CITY SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ARE COLLECTED; AND AMENDING  
7 SECTION 7-13-4309, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 7-13-4309, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "7-13-4309. Procedure to collect water and sewer  
12 charges. (1) ~~The~~ Water and sewer charges shall be collected  
13 by the treasurer.

14 (2) On or before January 15 of each year, notice shall  
15 be given by the city treasurer or town clerk to the owners  
16 of all lots or parcels of real estate to which water or  
17 sewer service has or both such services have been furnished  
18 prior to January 1 by the city or town. Said notice shall  
19 specify the assessment owing and in arrears at the time of  
20 giving such notice. Such notice shall be in writing and  
21 shall state the amount of such arrearage, including any  
22 penalty and interest assessed pursuant to the provisions of  
23 the city or town ordinance and that unless the same is paid  
24 by July 1 thereafter, the same will be levied as a tax  
25 against the lot or parcel of real estate to which sewer such

1 service was furnished and for which payment is delinquent as  
2 above specified. Such notice may be delivered to such owner  
3 personally or by letter addressed to such owner at the  
4 post-office address of such owner as recorded in the office  
5 of the county assessor.

6 (3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), on  
7 March 1, the city treasurer or town clerk shall certify and  
8 file with the county assessor a list of all lots or parcels  
9 of real estate, giving the legal description thereof, to the  
10 owners of which notices of arrearage in payments were given  
11 as above specified and which arrearage still remains unpaid  
12 and stating the amount of such arrearage, including any  
13 penalty and interest. The county assessor shall insert the  
14 same as a tax against such lot or parcel of real estate.

15 (b) In cities where the council has provided by  
16 ordinance for the collection of taxes, the city treasurer  
17 shall insert such delinquent amount, including penalty and  
18 interest, as a tax against the lot or parcel of real estate  
19 to which water or sewer service was furnished and payment  
20 for which is delinquent."

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