



## Temporary Continuation Of Utility Service

**HB 3428 by Parker**

### Proposal

- HB 3428 would allow a decedent's next of kin to require continuation of electric service for as many as 90 days, suspending imposition and collection of penalties and fees during this time.
  - The next of kin must submit the decedent's death certificate for this timeline to go into effect.
  - This timeline may be shortened if a personal representative of the decedent's estate qualifies, or if the next of kin requests the service be discontinued.
- The cost of power during this time period is declared the liability of the decedent's estate.

### Discussion

- The bill as filed is unnecessary; retail electric providers (REPs) routinely make the continuation option described by the bill available to the next of kin **or** make other mutually-agreed arrangements for the account.
- The bill would limit the flexibility for REPs to work with next of kin on a case-by-case basis, and would create additional costs for the affected utilities, as well as for the estate of the decedent.
- AECT will continue to work with the author to meet the goals of the legislation.

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