

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 104

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2015

Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to utility service; to amend section 70-1605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to notice of discontinuance of service; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 70-1605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, is amended to read:

70-1605 No public or private utility company, other than a municipal utility owned and operated by a village, furnishing water, natural gas, or electricity at retail in this state shall discontinue service to any domestic subscriber for nonpayment of any past-due account unless the utility company first gives notice ~~by first-class mail or in person~~ to any subscriber whose service is proposed to be terminated. Such notice shall be given in person, by first-class mail, or by electronic delivery, except that electronic delivery shall only be used if the subscriber has specifically elected to receive such notices by electronic delivery. If notice is given by first-class mail or electronic delivery, such notice mail shall be conspicuously marked as to its importance. Service shall not be discontinued for at least seven days after notice is sent or given. Holidays and weekends shall be excluded from the seven days.

Sec. 2. Original section 70-1605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, is repealed.