

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
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Rep. Lasee:

This amendment reduces public benefits fees by 50%. Please note the following about the amendment:

1. The amendment reduces the grants made from the utility public benefits fund by 50%, which seems appropriate given that the fees are reduced by 50%.
2. Fees for municipal utilities and cooperatives are reduced by 50% (i.e., from \$16 per meter to \$8 per meter). Note that certain calculations under s. 16.957 refer to 50% of the fees paid by municipal utility customers and cooperative members. Because I did not want to affect these calculations, I amended them to refer to 100% of the fees. (However, I did not affect the calculations for previous fiscal years that are no longer relevant.)
3. I delayed the reduction in fees by approximately 2 months (i.e., the first day of the 3rd month beginning after the effective date of the bill). This delay gives DOA time to implement the amendment's requirements. If you want to specify a different delay, please let me know.

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