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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 9, TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 290

January 24, 1996 - Offered by Representative Kaufert.

At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

1. Page 3, line 11: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with page 4, line 6, and substitute:

"66.069 (1) (bn) 1. This paragraph applies only if a municipal public utility provides water or electric utility service to a rental dwelling unit and the owner of the rental dwelling unit notifies the utility in writing of the name and address of the owner, and of the name and address of the tenant who is responsible for payment of the water and electric charges.

- 2. If this paragraph applies, a municipal public utility may use par. (b) to collect arrearages incurred after the owner of a rental dwelling unit has provided the utility with written notice under subd. 1. only if the municipality complies with at least one of the following:
- a. In order to comply with this subd. 2. a., a municipal public utility shall send bills for water or electric service to a customer who is a tenant in the tenant's own name. Each time that a municipal public utility notifies a customer who is a tenant

that charges for water or electric service provided by the utility to the customer are past due for more than one billing cycle, the utility shall also serve a copy of the notice on the owner of the rental dwelling unit in the manner provided in s. 801.14 (2). If a customer who is a tenant vacates his or her rental dwelling unit, and the owner of the rental dwelling unit provides the municipal public utility with a forwarding address for the tenant, the utility shall continue to send past due notices to the customer at his or her forwarding address.

b. In order to comply with this subd. 2. b., if a customer who is a tenant has charges for water or electric service provided by the utility that are past due, the municipal public utility shall serve notice of the past due charges on the owner of the rental dwelling unit within 14 days of the date on which the tenant's charges became past due. The municipal public utility shall serve notice in the manner provided in s. 801.14 (2).

3. If this paragraph applies and a municipal public utility is permitted to collect arrearages under par. (b), the municipal public utility shall provide all notices under par. (b) to the owner of the property.".

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