AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 12:430.1(D), relative to broadband services; to provide relative to electric cooperatives; to provide for certain fees and charges; to make technical changes; to provide relative to terms, conditions, processes, procedures, and rates; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.  R.S. 12:430.1(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§430.1. Cooperatives; provision of broadband services; servitudes

D. A cooperative shall charge a broadband affiliate, broadband service provider, or broadband operator for the construction, installation, operation, use, and maintenance of those parts of its electric delivery system that are used, or may be reserved for use, by the broadband affiliate, broadband service provider, or broadband operator for the provision of broadband services. Any lease of facilities by a cooperative to a broadband affiliate that includes the use of the cooperative's poles shall include a pole attachment fee to be paid by the broadband affiliate to the cooperative. The fee charged by the cooperative to the broadband affiliate shall be
the same amount as the pole attachment fee charged by the cooperative to any other broadband operator.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

DIGEST

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Present law requires an electric cooperative to allow a broadband affiliate or service provider to use the cooperative's electric delivery system to provide broadband services to certain areas of the state. Provides that a broadband affiliate or service provider shall have nondiscriminatory access to locate its equipment for the provision of broadband services on the electric delivery system on just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory terms, conditions, and rates. Requires a cooperative to charge a broadband affiliate, service provider, or operator for the construction, installation, operation, use, and maintenance for use of the electric delivery system.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 12:430.1(D))