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Abstract: Authorizes any political subdivision to charge lower rates to certain residents of the political subdivision for utility services provided by the political subdivision.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> makes an exception with respect to certain charges imposed by political subdivisions.

<u>Present constitution</u> prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or any political subdivision of the state. Provides an extensive list of exceptions to this prohibition.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u> and adds an exception for political subdivisions by authorizing them to charge lower rates to residents over the age of 65 than those charged to residents under the age of 65 for utility services provided by the political subdivision.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art I, §3; Adds Const. Art VII, §14(F))