

trict, subject to the provisions of this section and such ~~damages~~ CHANGES from time to time as may be necessary.

(d) The rates for water service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge, which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing through the meter during the period between the last two readings. The meter is required to be placed on each water connection by and at the sole expense of the political subdivision. If the political subdivision at any time does not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected to the system, then flat rates shall be charged all properties in which meters have not yet been installed. These rates, subject to the provisions of this section, shall be uniform in each water or sewerage district and based upon estimates of the amount of water used by the types of users specified in such rates. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semiannually, as the political subdivision may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the political subdivision. If any bill remains unpaid after 30 days from date of sending, the political subdivision shall, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off water from the property in question, and the water shall not be turned on again until the bill has been paid, including a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00). If any bill remains unpaid for 60 days after being sent by the political subdivision, it shall be collectible, together with a penalty of \$5.00, from the owner of the property served in the same manner, and subject to the same interest, as taxes are collectible in the county or counties in which the water or sewerage systems lie and the water service charges, other service charges and all penalties shall be a first lien against the property.

(e) The charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be reasonable and collected annually and shall be a first lien against all property having a connection with any sewer pipe under the supervision of, or owned by, the political subdivision.

(f) The sewer service charge shall be made on whatever reasonable basis the political subdivision selects and may be collected on an annual, semiannual, or quarterly basis. If any bill for sewer service charge remains unpaid for 60 days after being sent by the political subdivision, it shall be collectible from the owner of the property served in the same manner, and subject to the same interest as taxes are collectible in the county or counties in which the water or sewerage systems lie, and shall be a first lien against the property.

(g) ~~If a political subdivision furnishes water or sewerage service to property of a federal, State or other agency which is exempt from front-foot benefit charges and/or ad valorem taxes levied to finance the water or sewerage systems, the political subdivision shall make charges for water and sewerage service as it deems necessary and reasonable (with full authority to change the charges from time to time). In determining this charge, the political subdivision shall take into consideration, in addition to the regular water and sewerage charges, the taxes (if any) and front-foot benefit assess-~~