



HOUSE BILL 15: Lexington/Dissolve Utilities Commission.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	February 13, 2019
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 15 would amend the Charter of the City of Lexington to dissolve the Lexington Utilities Commission. The bill would be effective when it becomes law.*

CURRENT LAW: The Lexington Utilities Commission is a five member commission of the City of Lexington.¹ The Commission meets quarterly and its duties include:

- Acting as an advisory body to the City Council in fixing rates and other charges and making budget recommendations concerning public enterprises operated by the City.
- Hearing citizen concerns and grievances and determining some controversies concerning operation of the various systems.
- Performing such other duties as the Lexington City Council directs.

The actual operation and management of various utility systems of the City of Lexington is the responsibility of the City Council.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 15 would repeal Section 7.2 of the Charter of the City of Lexington, Chapter 906 of the Session Laws of 1981, as amended, to dissolve the Lexington Utilities Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when the act becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The Lexington City Council, on October 8, 2018, unanimously adopted a resolution requesting that its local legislative delegation to the General Assembly introduce a bill amending its charter to dissolve the Lexington Utilities Commission.²

¹ Section 7.2 of the Charter of the City of Lexington, being Chapter 906 of the Session Laws of 1981, as amended by Chapter 806 of the Session Laws of 1985, Chapter 64 of the Session Laws of 1987, Chapter 542 of the Session Laws of 1989, Chapter 442 of the Session Laws of 1995, and S.L. 2002-131.

² Resolution No. 09-19.

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