



HOUSE BILL 15: Lexington/Dissolve Utilities Commission.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	June 20, 2019
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 15 would amend the Charter of the City of Lexington to dissolve the Lexington Utilities Commission.*

CURRENT LAW: The Lexington Utilities Commission is a five-member commission of the City of Lexington. The Commission's duties include:

- Acting as an advisory body to the City Council in fixing rates and making budget recommendations concerning public enterprises operated by the City.
- Hearing citizen concerns and grievances and determining certain controversies concerning the 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: This act is effective when it 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.¹

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¹ Resolution No. 09-19.

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