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**HOUSE BILL 17-1174**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXCEPTION FOR RURAL**  
102 **COUNTIES FROM THE LIMITATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
103 **A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION**  
104 **OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FOR**  
105 **ADVANCED SERVICE.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Under current law, a county seeking to establish a local improvement district to fund a telecommunications service improvement

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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may only construct the improvement if the county has an agreement with a telecommunications service provider to provide service, facilities, plants, or systems in the area in which the improvement will be constructed. The improvement must then be owned, operated, and maintained by the telecommunications service provider. Neither the county nor the district created by the county is authorized to provide telecommunications services under the agreement or to have any right or interest in the service improvement.

The bill exempts a rural county with a population of fewer than 50,000 inhabitants from the requirements and limitations imposed on counties seeking to establish a local improvement district to fund a telecommunications service improvement.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-20-603, **amend**  
3 (1)(g) as follows:

4 **30-20-603. Improvements and funding authorized - how**  
5 **instituted - conditions - definitions.** (1) (g) (I) ~~Any~~ A public utility or  
6 telecommunications service improvement funded by a district established  
7 pursuant to this part 6 shall be constructed only by or in agreement with  
8 a public utility or telecommunications service provider duly authorized  
9 by the public utilities commission, as applicable, to provide service,  
10 facilities, plants, or systems in the area in which the public utility or  
11 telecommunications service improvement is to be constructed and shall  
12 be owned, operated, and maintained by ~~such~~ THE public utility or  
13 telecommunications service provider. All other service improvements as  
14 defined in ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection~~ (1) (a) OF THIS SECTION  
15 funded pursuant to this part 6 shall be constructed by or in agreement with  
16 the service provider and owned and operated by the service provider. ~~No~~  
17 ~~NEITHER~~ A district formed pursuant to this part 6, nor the county that  
18 forms the district, shall:

19 (A) Use the authority set forth ~~herein~~ IN THIS SECTION to provide,

1 directly or indirectly, any services as defined in ~~paragraph (a) of this~~  
2 subsection ~~(1)~~. No district formed pursuant to this part 6, nor the county  
3 that forms the district, shall (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION; OR

4 (B) Have any right, title, or interest in any service improvement  
5 as defined in ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (1)~~ (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
6 funded by a district established pursuant to this part 6.

7 (II) IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN  
8 SUBSECTION (1)(g)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A RURAL COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH  
9 A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ONLY IN AN UNSERVED AREA TO  
10 CONTRACT WITH A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER OR AN  
11 ADVANCED SERVICE PROVIDER TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN  
12 ADVANCED SERVICE IMPROVEMENT.

13 (III) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(g):

14 (A) "ADVANCED SERVICE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS  
15 "BROADBAND SERVICE" AS IT IS DEFINED IN SECTION 40-15-102 (3.3);

16 (B) "RURAL COUNTY" MEANS ANY COUNTY THAT HAS A  
17 POPULATION OF FEWER THAN SIXTY THOUSAND INHABITANTS; AND

18 (C) "UNSERVED AREA" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
19 SECTION 40-15-102 (32)(a).

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
21 **applicability.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this act  
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
24 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a  
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

4 (2) Section 30-20-603 (1)(g)(II)(B), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
5 as amended in section 1 of this act, takes effect only if Senate Bill 17-042  
6 does not become law.

7 (3) This act applies to local improvement districts formed on or  
8 after the applicable effective date of this act.