

CHAPTER 98-42

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1052

An act relating to rulemaking authority of the Florida Public Service Commission (RAB); authorizing the Florida Public Service Commission to adopt rules relating to purchasing, to ensuring adequate ownership or continued use of real property upon which water and wastewater treatment facilities are located, and to notification when a water and wastewater utility changes its name; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Florida Public Service Commission may adopt rules and procedures for purchases of commodities and services, including procurement of vehicles, office space, and contractual services necessary for efficient operation. These procedures must recognize that fair and open competition is a basic tenet of public procurement and that both documentation of the acts taken and effective monitoring mechanisms are important to the process.

Section 2. A utility under the Water and Wastewater System Regulatory Law must own the land or possess the right to continued use of the land upon which treatment facilities are located. The commission shall adopt rules in accordance with this section.

Section 3. A water and wastewater utility shall notify the commission and its customers before changing its name. The commission may adopt rules that a water and wastewater utility must follow when giving this notice to its customers.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval April 30, 1998.

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