

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2052

An act relating to water and wastewater utilities; amending s. 367.0814, F.S.; revising provisions for Florida Public Service Commission staff assistance in changing rates and charges for water and wastewater utilities; providing for periodic adjustment of the gross annual revenue level established by the commission for such purposes; requiring the commission to periodically submit a report to the Legislature; specifying report requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 367.0814, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

367.0814 Staff assistance in changing rates and charges; interim rates.—

(1) The commission may establish rules by which a water or wastewater utility whose gross annual revenues are ~~\$250,000~~ \$150,000 or less may request and obtain staff assistance for the purpose of changing its rates and charges. A utility may request staff assistance by filing an application with the commission. The gross annual revenue level shall be adjusted on July 1, 2013, and every 5 years thereafter, based on the most recent cumulative 5 years of the price index established by the commission pursuant to s. 367.081(4)(a).

(10) The commission shall submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2013, and every 5 years thereafter, a report of the status of proceedings conducted under this section, including the number of utilities eligible to request staff assistance, the number of proceedings conducted annually for the most recent 5-year period, the associated impact on commission resources, and any other information the commission deems appropriate.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor May 28, 2008.

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