

Bill History
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Introducer(s):

REP. JAIME S. FOSTER, 57th DIST.

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY, COMMUNICATIONS BY PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

Statement of Purpose: To (1) prohibit any public service company from charging a fee to any customer of such company in connection with a communication from such company to such customer, (2) provide that any legislator or the chief executive officer of any municipality may intervene and be granted party status in any proceeding before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, (3) specify minimum education requirements for each person appointed to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority with a preference for individuals who are accountants, auditors and engineers with infrastructure estimating experience, (4) make any communication by a public utility company subject to the Freedom of Information Act, (5) require a minimum notification period and standards for notices to customers of any public utility company concerning rate changes, (6) require that any energy efficiency programs in the state be administered by a not-for-profit entity, and (7) require that any vacancy on the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority be promptly filled by appointment.

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Co-sponsor(s):

Rep. Lucy Dathan, 142nd Dist.