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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 576

5 By: Senator Gilmore  
6 By: Representative Beaty Jr.  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF  
10 THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OVER  
11 INTERSTATE RATES, CHARGES, CLASSIFICATIONS, AND OTHER  
12 ACTIONS; TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT RECOVERABLE FROM AN  
13 AFFECTED UTILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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22 AN AFFECTED UTILITY.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-4-102(c)(3)(A), concerning the maximum  
28 amount allowed for direct recovery by the Arkansas Public Service Commission,  
29 is amended to read as follows:

30 (3)(A)(i) May adopt rules for direct recovery of the fees and  
31 expenses of contract attorneys and consultants from the affected utility  
32 under this section, provided that the utility is an electric public utility  
33 that is owned by a public utility holding company as defined by section 1262  
34 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58.

35 (ii) The maximum amount that may be directly  
36 recovered from an affected utility shall be ~~three million dollars~~



1 ~~(\$3,000,000) annually~~ five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per calendar year.

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