

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 2376

"TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE SPACE AND  
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY TO ACT AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE PSC AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGARDING UTILITY ISSUES."

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### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2376.

Amend House Bill No. 2376 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 34, add the following:

"(c)(1) The General Assembly shall employ, as an employee of the Bureau of Legislative Research, an attorney who shall be designated as a liaison with the Arkansas Public Service Commission for the purpose of providing an independent assessment of the information available to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, for evaluation by members of the General Assembly. This shall not include proprietary information.

(2) The liaison shall have access and opportunity to:  
(A) Monitor all PSC hearings and view exhibits;  
(B) Study the deregulation of utilities and alternatives to deregulation;  
(C) Study generation, transmission, and distribution capabilities and alternatives of electric utilities;  
(D) Study the control of and access to transmission lines;  
(E) Study any other issue related to utilities;  
(E) Meet with consultants retained with public monies to ask questions and evaluate information provided by the consultant;  
(F) Gather statistical information and data from Arkansas and all other states to determine how Arkansas rates compare to other states; and  
(G) Perform any other functions which would not unduly interfere with any executive or judicial powers of the Arkansas Public Service Commission;

(3) The liaison shall make reports to the General Assembly, the Legislative Council, and other appropriate legislative committees.

(4) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide office space for the liaison and the Arkansas Public Service Commission shall provide workspace for the liaison on first floor near entry of its offices. The liaison shall have access to his or her workspace at all times."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Cleveland  
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Chief Clerk