

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 588**

TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND GAS UTILITIES TO RECOVER THE COST OF RESTORATION OF DAMAGES AND EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL GAS, FUEL, OR PURCHASED POWER COSTS CAUSED BY STORMS AND RELATED PERILS THROUGH SECURITIZATION.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 588**

Amend Senate Bill No. 588 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ELECTRIC UTILITY STORM RECOVERY SECURITIZATION ACT; TO ALLOW A GAS UTILITY TO RECOVER THE COST OF RESTORATION OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY STORMS AND RELATED PERILS THROUGH SECURITIZATION OF THE STORM RESTORATION AND RELATED COSTS; TO ALLOW THE RECOVERY THROUGH SECURITIZATION BY AN ELECTRIC UTILITY AND A GAS UTILITY OF REASONABLE AND PRUDENT COSTS TO PURCHASE AND RECEIVE NATURAL GAS, FUEL, OR PURCHASED POWER AT EXTRAORDINARY COST IN IMMEDIATE PREPARATION FOR OR IN RESPONSE TO A STORM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AUTHORIZE UTILITIES TO RECOVER THE COST OF RESTORATION OF DAMAGES AND EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL GAS, FUEL, OR PURCHASED POWER COSTS CAUSED BY STORMS THROUGH SECURITIZATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND



Page 28, delete line 3, and substitute the following:  
"engaging in the transactions described in this subchapter.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that due to the recent historic winter weather event, the high prices paid for energy by utilities could necessitate a substantial increase in rates paid by consumers; that storm recovery costs could be securitized and financed with prompt legislative action, and that this act is immediately necessary because authorization is required for securitization financing for storm recovery costs that may lower the financing costs or mitigate the impact on rates in comparison to traditional utility financing and benefit customers in this state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator B. Ballinger

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Secretary