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SENATE BILL 222

By: Senator Walters

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL ELECTRIC UTILITIES IN ARKANSAS SELLING ELECTRICITY TO CONSUMERS IN ARKANSAS AND OPERATING COAL-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANTS IN ARKANSAS TO BURN A MIXTURE OF COAL CONTAINING A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ARKANSAS-MINED COAL; TO PROHIBIT AN INCREASE IN COST TO CONSUMERS; TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF THE AMOUNTS AND COSTS OF ALL COAL BURNED FOR GENERATING ELECTRICITY IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Section 1. On and after January 1, 1988, all electric utilities in Arkansas providing electric power for sale to consumers in Arkansas and generating electric power from coal-fired plants located in Arkansas shall burn a mixture of coal that contains a minimum of:

- (A) three percent (3%) Arkansas-mined coal as calculated on a BTU (British Thermal Unit) basis from January 1, 1988 until December 31, 1988;
- (B) six percent (6%) Arkansas-mined coal as calculated on a BTU (British Thermal Unit) basis from January 1, 1989 until December 31, 1989; and
- (C) ten percent (10%) Arkansas-mined coal as calculated on a BTU (British Thermal Unit) basis each calender year after January 1, 1990.

Section 2. The cost to any electric utility to comply with the requirements of this Act shall not increase the cost to the consumer or exceed the energy cost of existing long-term contracts for out-of-state coal.

Section 3. On and after January 1, 1988, all electric utilities in Arkansas providing electric power for sale to consumers in Arkansas and generating electric power from coal-fired plants located in Arkansas shall report annually to the Arkansas Public Service Commission the amount and cost

of all out-of-state coal burned and the amount and cost of all Arkansas-mined coal burned at their generating facilities in Arkansas.

Section 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

