

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2376

By: Representative Cleveland  
By: Senator Faris

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT 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; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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BETWEEN THE PSC AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGARDING UTILITY ISSUES.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Arkansas Public Service Commission shall provide space and reasonable accommodation for an employee of the General Assembly who shall act as liaison between the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the General Assembly with respect to utility issues.

(b) The Arkansas Public Service Commission shall give the liaison free and unencumbered access to all records, hearings, conferences, and other meetings regarding utility issues.

(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

1 with the Arkansas Public Service Commission for the purpose of providing an  
2 independent assessment of the information available to the Arkansas Public  
3 Service Commission, for evaluation by members of the General Assembly. This  
4 shall not include proprietary information.

5 (2) The liaison shall have access and opportunity to:

6 (A) Monitor all PSC hearings and view exhibits;

7 (B) Study the deregulation of utilities and alternatives  
8 to deregulation;

9 (C) Study generation, transmission, and distribution  
10 capabilities and alternatives of electric utilities;

11 (D) Study the control of and access to transmission lines;

12 (E) Study any other issue related to utilities;

13 (E) Meet with consultants retained with public monies to  
14 ask questions and evaluate information provided by the consultant;

15 (F) Gather statistical information and data from Arkansas  
16 and all other states to determine how Arkansas rates compare to other states;  
17 and

18 (G) Perform any other functions which would not unduly  
19 interfere with any executive or judicial powers of the Arkansas Public  
20 Service Commission;

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

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

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