

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

SENATE BILL 53

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STUDY COMMISSION ON UNDERGROUND
10 ELECTRIC LINES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STUDY COMMISSION ON
14 UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. (a)(1) There is created the Study Commission on Underground
20 Electric Lines.

21 (2) The commission shall be composed of seven (7) members as
22 follows:

23 (A)(i) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Governor.

24 (ii) One (1) of the members appointed by the Governor
25 shall represent residential and business consumers;

26 (B)(i) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
27 Speaker of the House shall each appoint two (2) members who represent the
28 electric industry in Arkansas.

29 (ii) Of the members who represent the electric
30 industry, one (1) shall represent municipal utilities, one (1) shall represent
31 electric cooperatives, and (2) shall represent major electric providers in the
32 state.

33 (C) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Public Service
34 Commission or the director's designee shall serve as a member of the Study
35 Commission on Underground Electric Lines.

36 (3) The Governor shall designate one (1) of the members of the

1 Study Commission on Underground Electric Lines to serve as the chairperson.

2 (b)(1) The Study Commission on Underground Electric Lines shall conduct
3 a study to determine the effectiveness of moving electric lines underground to
4 avoid power outages during inclement weather and to study the feasibility,
5 cost, and options for financing the moving of electric lines underground.

6 (2) The commission shall report its findings and its
7 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Council by October 1,
8 2002.

9 (b) The Study Commission on Underground Electric Lines shall cease to
10 exist December 31, 2002.

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