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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities (Broxson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 23 - 44
and insert:
water and wastewater utilities. The Public Counsel shall have such powers as are necessary to carry out the duties of his or her office, including, but not limited to, the following specific powers:

(1) (a) To recommend to the commission or the counties, by petition, the commencement of any proceeding or action or to



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11 appear, in the name of the state or its citizens, in any
12 proceeding or action before the commission or the counties and
13 urge therein any position which he or she deems to be in the
14 public interest, whether consistent or inconsistent with
15 positions previously adopted by the commission or the counties,
16 and utilize therein all forms of discovery available to
17 attorneys in civil actions generally, subject to protective
18 orders of the commission or the counties which shall be
19 reviewable by summary procedure in the circuit courts of this
20 state; and

21 (b) To represent ratepayers living outside the
22 jurisdictional boundary of a local government that provides a
23 water and wastewater utility service to those ratepayers in a
24 proceeding in which rates for the local government water and
25 wastewater utility services are determined;

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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Delete lines 6 - 11

30 and insert:

31 water and wastewater utilities; authorizing the Public
32 Counsel to represent customers living outside the
33 jurisdictional boundaries of a local government water
34 and wastewater utility in ratesetting proceedings;