

Bill No. SB 1034

Amendment No. ____

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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Senators Brown-Waite and Horne moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. (1) In recognition of the fact that a portion of the state's population is served by investor-owned water and wastewater utilities, the Legislature finds that the need to encourage economic and prudent water resource planning by such utilities in a manner that is consistent with the state's environmental laws and in the long-term best interest of consumers should be subjected to a fact finding and review process. Therefore, the investor-owned water and wastewater utility study panel is established to analyze and determine the facts pertaining to:

(a) The regulatory treatment of investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in the provision of utility infrastructure, including margin reserve.

(b) The cost and consistency of environmental law and policy with regulatory treatment of these utilities.

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1 (c) The estimated potential rate impact of any
2 recommended changes.

3 (2) The study panel shall be composed of 13 members as
4 follows: one member of the Senate and one member of the House
5 of Representatives, appointed by each respective house; one
6 member of the Public Service Commission to be appointed by the
7 Chair of the Public Service Commission; the Public Counsel or
8 his or her designee; two representatives of the investor-owned
9 water and wastewater utilities to be appointed by the Florida
10 Waterworks Association; one representative of the American
11 Association of Retired Persons to be appointed by the
12 Governor; one representative from an investor-owned water and
13 wastewater utility staff to be appointed by the Florida
14 Waterworks Association; one representative from a Water
15 Management District to be appointed by the Governor; one
16 assistant Attorney General from The Special Projects Office
17 who is familiar with water and wastewater issues to be
18 appointed by the Attorney General; one representative from the
19 Department of Environmental Protection to be appointed by the
20 Secretary of that agency; one representative from a county
21 that has assumed responsibility for regulating water and
22 wastewater utilities under section 367.081, Florida Statutes,
23 to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and one
24 representative from a governmentally owned water and
25 wastewater utility to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
26 of Representatives.

27 (3) The study panel shall hold at least three public
28 hearings, two of which shall be outside Tallahassee, and shall
29 seek public comment and input. The members of the study panel
30 are entitled to reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses
31 incurred in the performance of their duties, as provided under

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1 section 112.061, Florida Statutes. The panel shall obtain
2 staff assistance from the Policy and Industry Structure Bureau
3 of the Public Service Commission. All costs of the panel,
4 including expense reimbursement, shall be paid from the budget
5 of the Public Service Commission.

6 (4) The study panel shall report to the Governor, the
7 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives on its findings and any recommendations for
9 proposed legislation no later than December 31, 1998.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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15 And the title is amended as follows:

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and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to the Public Service

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Commission; providing for a study commission to

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review the need for rate adjustment

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