

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the City of Lakeland;  
3           amending section (9)(b) of Division I of Part I  
4           of the amended Charter of the City of Lakeland,  
5           1976; revising the type of utility the sale,  
6           lease, or disposal of which must be authorized  
7           by a two-thirds vote of the city's electors;  
8           defining "electric utility" for the purpose of  
9           the act; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of section 9 of Division I of  
14 Part I of the amended Charter of the City of Lakeland, 1976,  
15 is amended to read:

16           Section 9. Limitations on powers of city commission.

17           (b) The City of Lakeland shall not sell, lease, or  
18 otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the assets of  
19 the electric utility ~~any light~~ or water plant, ~~or gas plant,~~  
20 until such sale or lease has previously been authorized by an  
21 affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the electors,  
22 otherwise qualified to vote in an election duly called for  
23 that purpose. For the purpose of this section only, "electric  
24 utility" shall mean those assets used to engage in the  
25 business of generating, transmitting, or distributing  
26 electrical energy, as well as any related activities  
27 authorized by this Charter or applicable law.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
29 law.

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