By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Campbell

315-2310-02

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida Electrical Power Plan Siting Act; amending s. 403.506, F.S.; expanding application of the act; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 403.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.506 Applicability and certification. --

(1) The provisions of this act shall apply to any electrical power plant as defined herein, except that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any electrical power plant or steam generating plant of less than 75 megawatts in capacity or to any substation to be constructed as part of an associated transmission line unless the applicant has elected to apply for certification of such plant or substation under this act. No construction of any new electrical power plant or expansion in steam generating capacity of any existing electrical power plant may be undertaken after October 1, 1973, without first obtaining certification in the manner as herein provided, except that this act shall not apply to any such electrical power plant which is presently operating or under construction or which has, upon the effective date of chapter 73-33, Laws of Florida, applied for a permit or certification under requirements in force prior to the effective date of such act. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any electrical power plant that uses solely simple-cycle generation and that has 75 megawatts or more in capacity is subject to the provisions of this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 2472 The Committee Substitute deletes all provisions relating to a public benefits fund, disclosures from electric utilities, and clean energy systems. It replaces the provisions on the power plant siting act with a provision expanding application of the act to proposed electrical power plants that use only non-steam generation and that are 75 megawatts or more in capacity. Proposed plants that use some steam generation, but less than 75 megawatts, would still be excepted from the siting act. siting act.