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The Committee on Communications and Public Utilities
(Constantine) recommended the following **amendment to amendment**
(800638):

Senate Amendment

On page 1, line 18, through
page 4, line 25, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 1. Florida Energy Commission.--

(1) The Florida Energy Commission is created and shall
be located within the Office of Legislative Services for
administrative purposes. The commission shall be comprised of
a total of 19 members, of whom nine shall be voting members
and ten shall be nonvoting members, as follows:

(a) The voting members shall be appointed as follows:
three shall be appointed by the Governor, three shall be
appointed by the President of the Senate in consultation with
the minority leader, and three shall be appointed by the
Speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with
the minority leader. Voting members shall be appointed to

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1 4-year terms; however, in order to establish staggered terms,
2 for the initial appointments each appointing official shall
3 appoint one member to a 2-year term, one member to a 3-year
4 term, and one member to a 4-year term. Voting members must
5 meet the following qualifications and restrictions:

6 1. A voting member must be an expert in one or more of
7 the following fields: energy, natural resource conservation,
8 economics, engineering, finance, law, consumer protection,
9 state energy policy, or another field substantially related to
10 the duties and functions of the commission. The commission
11 shall fairly represent the fields specified in this
12 subparagraph.

13 2. A voting member may not, at the time of appointment
14 or during his or her term of office:

15 a. Have any financial interest, other than ownership
16 of shares in a mutual fund, in any business entity that,
17 directly or indirectly, owns or controls, or is an affiliate
18 or subsidiary of, any business entity that may profit by the
19 policy recommendations developed by the commission.

20 b. Be employed by or engaged in any business activity
21 with any business entity that, directly or indirectly, owns or
22 controls, or is an affiliate or subsidiary of, any business
23 entity that may profit by the policy recommendations developed
24 by the commission.

25 (b) The nonvoting members shall include:

26 1. The chair of the Florida Public Service Commission;

27 2. The Public Counsel;

28 3. The Commissioner of Agriculture;

29 4. The Secretary of Environmental Protection;

30 5. The Secretary of Community Affairs;

31 6. The Secretary of Transportation;

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- 1 7. The Secretary of Health;
- 2 8. The director of the Office of Insurance Regulation;
- 3 9. The chair of the State Board of Education; and
- 4 10. The executive director of the Florida Solar Energy
- 5 Center.

6 (2) Voting members shall serve without compensation,
 7 but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel
 8 expenses as provided by s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
 9 Nonvoting members shall serve at the expense of the entity
 10 they represent.

11 (3) The Governor shall select the chair. Meetings of
 12 the commission shall be held in various locations around the
 13 state and at the call of the chair; however, the commission
 14 must meet at least twice each year.

15 (4)(a) The commission may employ staff to assist in
 16 the performance of its duties, including an executive
 17 director, an attorney, a communications person, and an
 18 executive assistant. The commission may also appoint technical
 19 advisory committees to focus on specific topics within its
 20 charge.

21 (b) Agencies whose heads serve as nonvoting members
 22 shall supply staff and resources as necessary to provide
 23 information needed by the commission.

24 (c) The commission may appoint focus groups to
 25 consider specific issues.

26 (5) The commission shall develop recommendations for
 27 legislation to establish a state energy policy, giving
 28 consideration to the issues set forth in subsections (8) and
 29 (9). The recommendations of the commission shall be based on
 30 the guiding principles of reliability, efficiency,
 31 affordability, and diversity as provided in subsection (7).

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1 The commission shall continually review the state energy
 2 policy and shall recommend to the Legislature any additional
 3 necessary changes or improvements. The commission shall also
 4 perform other duties as set forth in general law.

5 (6) The commission shall report by December 31 of each
 6 year to the Governor, the Cabinet, the President of the
 7 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on its
 8 progress and recommendations, including draft legislation. The
 9 commission's initial report must identify incentives for
 10 research, development, or deployment projects involving the
 11 goals and issues set forth in this section; set forth
 12 recommendations for improvements to the electricity
 13 transmission and distribution system, including recommended
 14 incentives to encourage electric utilities and local
 15 governments to work together in good faith on issues of
 16 underground utilities; set forth the appropriate test for the
 17 Florida Public Service Commission to use in determining which
 18 energy efficiency programs are cost-effective and should be
 19 implemented, together with the rationale in selecting the
 20 test; and set forth a plan of action, together with a
 21 timetable, for addressing the remaining issues.

22 (7) In developing its recommendations, the commission
 23 shall be guided by the principles of reliability, efficiency,
 24 affordability, and diversity, and more specifically as
 25 follows:

26 (a) The state should have a reliable electric supply,
 27 with adequate reserves.

28 (b) The transmission and delivery of electricity
 29 should be reliable.

30 (c) The generation, transmission, and delivery of
 31 electricity should be accomplished with the least detriment to

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