

By the Committee on Communications and Public Utilities; and
Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to water and wastewater utilities;
3 amending s. 367.0814, F.S.; revising provisions for
4 Florida Public Service Commission staff assistance in
5 changing rates and charges for water and wastewater
6 utilities; providing for periodic adjustment of the gross
7 annual revenue level established by the commission for
8 such purposes; requiring the commission to periodically
9 submit a report to the Legislature; specifying report
10 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 367.0814, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is added to that
16 section, to read:

17 367.0814 Staff assistance in changing rates and charges;
18 interim rates.--

19 (1) The commission may establish rules by which a water or
20 wastewater utility whose gross annual revenues are \$250,000
21 ~~\$150,000~~ or less may request and obtain staff assistance for the
22 purpose of changing its rates and charges. A utility may request
23 staff assistance by filing an application with the commission.
24 The gross annual revenue level shall be adjusted on July 1, 2013,
25 and every 5 years thereafter, based on the most recent cumulative
26 5 years of the price index established by the commission pursuant
27 to s. 367.081(4) (a).

28 (10) The commission shall submit to the President of the
29 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January

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30 1, 2013, and every 5 years thereafter, a report of the status of
31 proceedings conducted under this section, including the number of
32 utilities eligible to request staff assistance, the number of
33 proceedings conducted annually for the most recent 5-year period,
34 the associated impact on commission resources, and any other
35 information the commission deems appropriate.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.