

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 Florida Public
 8 Service Commission for such purposes; requiring the
 9 Florida Public Service Commission to periodically submit a
 10 report to the Legislature; specifying report requirements;
 11 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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29 (10) The commission shall submit to the President of the
30 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
31 January 1, 2013, and every 5 years thereafter, a report of the
32 status of proceedings conducted under this section, including
33 the number of utilities eligible to request staff assistance,
34 the number of proceedings conducted annually for the most recent
35 5-year period, the associated impact on commission resources,
36 and any other information the commission deems appropriate.

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