

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Wright

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to temporary underground power panels;  
3           creating ss. 125.488 and 166.0484, F.S.; prohibiting  
4           counties and municipalities, respectively, from  
5           enacting ordinances, regulations, or policies that  
6           prevent certain electric utilities from installing  
7           temporary underground power panels and from requiring  
8           subsequent inspections of such panels as a condition  
9           of a certificate of occupancy under specified  
10          conditions; defining the term "temporary underground  
11          power panel"; 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. Section 125.488, Florida Statutes, is created to  
16           read:

17           125.488 Ordinances, regulations, and policies concerning  
18           temporary underground power panels.—

19           (1) A county may not enact any ordinance, regulation, or  
20           policy that prevents or has the effect of preventing an electric  
21           utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), from installing a temporary  
22           underground power panel if the temporary underground power panel  
23           meets the requirements of Article 590 of the National Electrical  
24           Code, 2020 edition, during the construction and installation of  
25           the temporary underground power panel. After the county has  
26           conducted an inspection of the temporary underground power  
27           panel, the county may not require a subsequent inspection of the  
28           temporary underground power panel as a condition of issuance of  
29           the certificate of occupancy.

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30       (2) As used in this section, the term "temporary  
31 underground power panel" means a permanent meter base that  
32 includes a meter socket, meter, and downpipe, to which power is  
33 provided through an underground service line by an electric  
34 utility pursuant to its tariffs or service standards, that is  
35 permanently attached to a block residential structure, provides  
36 temporary power for construction of the residential structure,  
37 and is intended for use in providing permanent service to the  
38 residential structure upon issuance of the certificate of  
39 occupancy.

40       Section 2. Section 166.0484, Florida Statutes, is created  
41 to read:

42       166.0484 Ordinances, regulations, and policies concerning  
43 temporary underground power panels.-

44       (1) A municipality may not enact any ordinance, regulation,  
45 or policy that prevents or has the effect of preventing an  
46 electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), from installing a  
47 temporary underground power panel if the temporary underground  
48 power panel meets the requirements of Article 590 of the  
49 National Electrical Code, 2020 edition, during the construction  
50 and installation of the temporary underground power panel. After  
51 the municipality has conducted an inspection of the temporary  
52 underground power panel, the municipality may not require a  
53 subsequent inspection of the temporary underground power panel  
54 as a condition of issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

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60 permanently attached to a block residential structure, provides  
61 temporary power for construction of the residential structure,  
62 and is intended for use in providing permanent service to the  
63 residential structure upon issuance of the certificate of  
64 occupancy.

65 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.