

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 from enacting ordinances,
 5 regulations, or policies that prevent certain electric
 6 utilities from installing temporary underground power
 7 panels and from requiring permanent inspections of
 8 such panels under specified conditions; specifying
 9 requirements; prohibiting municipalities and counties
 10 from requiring permanent inspections under specified
 11 conditions; 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
 16 to read:

17 125.488 Ordinances, regulations, and policies concerning
 18 temporary underground power panels.—A county may not enact any
 19 ordinance, regulation, or policy that prevents or has the effect
 20 of preventing an electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2),
 21 from installing a temporary underground power panel that may
 22 include a meter socket, meter, and downpipe if the temporary
 23 underground power panel meets the requirements of Article 590 of
 24 the National Electrical Code, 2021 edition, during the
 25 construction and installation of the temporary underground power

26 | panel. The county may not require that a permanent inspection be
 27 | conducted after it has conducted a temporary inspection of the
 28 | temporary underground power panel.

29 | Section 2. Section 166.0484, Florida Statutes, is created
 30 | to read:

31 | 166.0484 Ordinances, regulations, and policies concerning
 32 | temporary underground power panels.—A municipality may not enact
 33 | any ordinance, regulation, or policy that prevents or has the
 34 | effect of preventing an electric utility, as defined in s.
 35 | 366.02(2), from installing a temporary underground power panel
 36 | that may include a meter socket, meter, and downpipe if the
 37 | temporary underground power panel meets the requirements of
 38 | Article 590 of the National Electrical Code, 2021 edition,
 39 | during the construction and installation of the temporary
 40 | underground power panel. The municipality may not require that a
 41 | permanent inspection be conducted after it has conducted a
 42 | temporary inspection of the temporary underground power panel.

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