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

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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.

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,
 45 regulation, or policy that prevents or has the effect of
 46 preventing an electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), from
 47 installing a temporary underground power panel if the temporary
 48 underground power panel meets the requirements of Article 590 of
 49 the National Electrical Code, 2020 edition, during the
 50 construction and installation of the temporary underground power

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51 panel. After the municipality has conducted an inspection of the
 52 temporary underground power panel, the municipality may not
 53 require a subsequent inspection of the temporary underground
 54 power panel as a condition of issuance of the Certificate of
 55 Occupancy.

56 (2) As used in this section, the term "temporary
 57 underground power panel" means a permanent meter base that
 58 includes a meter socket, meter, and downpipe, to which power is
 59 provided through an underground service line by an electric
 60 utility pursuant to its tariffs or service standards, that is
 61 permanently attached to a block residential structure, provides
 62 temporary power for construction of the residential structure,
 63 and is intended for use in providing permanent service to the
 64 residential structure upon issuance of the Certificate of
 65 Occupancy.

66 (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a municipality
 67 that owns or operates an electric utility with 100,000 customers
 68 or less and the municipality's ordinance, regulation, or policy
 69 applies only to its operations as an electric utility.

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