

HB 1377 — Telecommunications Companies

by Rep. Fresen and others (SB 2646 by Senator Ring)

This bill repeals ss. 364.03, 364.035, 364.037, 364.05, 364.055, 364.14, 364.17, and 364.18, F.S., relating to the election of small local exchange telecommunications companies to transition from rate base, rate-of-return regulation to competitive price regulation. These sections no longer apply to any local exchange telecommunications company since, as of November 2008, the last rate-of-return regulated company elected to make the transition to price regulation. The bill also repeals specific provisions of ss. 364.025, 364.051, 364.052 and 364.063, F.S., that are related to the election of price regulation. The bill amends s. 364.051(1), F.S., to reflect that all local exchange telecommunications companies have elected and are subject to price regulation. Lastly, the bill repeals specific provisions of ss. 364.337, 364.385, and 364.507, F.S., to make conforming changes and delete references to the election of price regulation.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0