

Committee on Regulated Industries

SB 364 — Public Service Commission Rules

by Senator Collins

The bill amends s. 120.80, F.S., to specify certain rules that may be adopted by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) without being subject to potential rule ratification under s. 120.541(3), F.S. Specifically, rules regarding the Florida Public Service Regulatory Trust Fund, the regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) charged to utilities in Florida, and application fees for water and wastewater utilities are added to the section. The bill also deletes a temporary provision, limited to Fiscal Year 2023-2024, which allowed such rules to be exempt from all provisions of s. 120.80, F.S., which includes requirements to provide statements of estimated regulatory costs. Under the bill, for those sections regarding RAFs, the PSC must still follow the statement of estimated regulatory costs preparation requirements provided in ss. 120.541(1), (2), and (5), F.S.

These provisions will expire on July 1, 2028.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0