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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Wright) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 125.488, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

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

(1) A county may not enact any ordinance, regulation, or  
policy that prevents or has the effect of preventing an electric



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11 utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), from installing a temporary  
12 underground power panel if the temporary underground power panel  
13 meets the requirements of Article 590 of the National Electrical  
14 Code, 2020 edition, during the construction and installation of  
15 the temporary underground power panel. After the county has  
16 conducted an inspection of the temporary underground power  
17 panel, the county may not require a subsequent inspection of the  
18 temporary underground power panel as a condition of issuance of  
19 the certificate of occupancy.

20 (2) As used in this section, the term "temporary  
21 underground power panel" means a permanent meter base that  
22 includes a meter socket, meter, and downpipe, to which power is  
23 provided through an underground service line by an electric  
24 utility pursuant to its tariffs or service standards, that is  
25 permanently attached to a block residential structure, provides  
26 temporary power for construction of the residential structure,  
27 and is intended for use in providing permanent service to the  
28 residential structure upon issuance of the certificate of  
29 occupancy.

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

32 166.0484 Ordinances, regulations, and policies concerning  
33 temporary underground power panels.-

34 (1) A municipality may not enact any ordinance, regulation,  
35 or policy that prevents or has the effect of preventing an  
36 electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), from installing a  
37 temporary underground power panel if the temporary underground  
38 power panel meets the requirements of Article 590 of the  
39 National Electrical Code, 2020 edition, during the construction



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40 and installation of the temporary underground power panel. After  
41 the municipality has conducted an inspection of the temporary  
42 underground power panel, the municipality may not require a  
43 subsequent inspection of the temporary underground power panel  
44 as a condition of issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

45 (2) As used in this section, the term "temporary  
46 underground power panel" means a permanent meter base that  
47 includes a meter socket, meter, and downpipe, to which power is  
48 provided through an underground service line by an electric  
49 utility pursuant to its tariffs or service standards, that is  
50 permanently attached to a block residential structure, provides  
51 temporary power for construction of the residential structure,  
52 and is intended for use in providing permanent service to the  
53 residential structure upon issuance of the certificate of  
54 occupancy.

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

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57 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
60 and insert:

61 A bill to be entitled  
62 An act relating to temporary underground power panels;  
63 creating ss. 125.488 and 166.0484, F.S.; prohibiting  
64 counties and municipalities, respectively, from  
65 enacting ordinances, regulations, or policies that  
66 prevent certain electric utilities from installing  
67 temporary underground power panels and from requiring  
68 subsequent inspections of such panels as a condition



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69 of a certificate of occupancy under specified  
70 conditions; defining the term "temporary underground  
71 power panel"; providing an effective date.