A bill to be entitled
An act relating to temporary underground power panels;
creating ss. 125.488 and 166.0484, F.S.; prohibiting
counties and municipalities from enacting ordinances,
regulations, or policies that prevent certain electric
utilities from installing temporary underground power
panels and from requiring subsequent inspections of
such panels as a condition of a Certificate of
Occupancy under specified conditions; defining the
term "temporary underground power panel"; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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
utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), from installing a temporary
underground power panel if the temporary underground power panel
meets the requirements of Article 590 of the National Electrical
Code, 2020 edition, during the construction and installation of
the temporary underground power panel. After the county has
conducted an inspection of the temporary underground power panel, the county may not require a subsequent inspection of the temporary underground power panel as a condition of issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

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

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

166.0484 Ordinances, regulations, and policies concerning temporary underground power panels.—

(1) A municipality may not enact any ordinance, regulation, or policy that prevents or has the effect of preventing an electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), from installing a temporary underground power panel if the temporary underground power panel meets the requirements of Article 590 of the National Electrical Code, 2020 edition, during the construction and installation of the temporary underground power panel.
panel. After the municipality has conducted an inspection of the temporary underground power panel, the municipality may not require a subsequent inspection of the temporary underground power panel as a condition of issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

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

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