

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S 0878 General Bill, By Johnson, Climer and Adams

Summary: Third-Party Electric Supplier

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 32 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO THIRD-PARTY ELECTRIC CHOICE; TO ALLOW AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER TO PERMIT ITS ELECTRICITY DEMAND FROM A THIRD-PARTY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER; TO REQUIRE THE ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER TO PROVIDE ARRANGEMENT FOR FIRM TRANSMISSION SERVICE OF THIRD-PARTY ELECTRIC TO THE INCUMBENT ELECTRIC SUPPLIER'S TRANSMISSION SYSTEM; TO NOT HOLD THE INCUMBENT ELECTRIC SUPPLIER LIABLE FOR ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIRD-PARTY ELECTRIC SUPPLY; TO REQUIRE THE INCUMBENT ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO HAVE REMOTE CUTOFF CAPABILITIES IN PLACE FOR THIRD-PARTY ELECTRIC SUPPLY; TO ASSIGN THE COST OF REQUIRED TRANSMISSION UPGRADES; TO REQUIRE A CUSTOMER TO CONTINUE TO PAY FOR CAPITAL COSTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REQUIRE AN INCUMBENT ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE COST-OF-SERVICE SUPPLY TO CUSTOMERS OR CUSTOMER LOAD RETURNING FROM A PERIOD OF RETAIL ACCESS SERVICE ON THE SAME TERMS, RATES, AND PRIORITY AS A NEW CUSTOMER REQUESTING SERVICE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A TARIFF CONTAINING A PRO FORMA CONTRACT AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

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02/04/26 Scrivener's error corrected