



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 181**

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Senate Bill No. 597

*Senate, March 25, 2009*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA, J. of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMELY REMOVAL OF DOUBLE AND BARE UTILITY POLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public  
2 Utility Control shall conduct a contested case proceeding to establish  
3 uniform procedures and time schedules for the timely removal of  
4 double and bare utility poles. Such proceeding shall include, but not  
5 be limited to, a review of the manner in which various entities, such as  
6 municipalities, municipal utilities and the Department of  
7 Transportation, comply with existing procedures and time schedules.  
8 The Department of Public Utility Control shall issue a final decision on  
9 or before July 1, 2009.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**ET**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill requires the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to hold a contested case proceeding to establish uniform procedures and schedules for the removal of double and bare utility poles. DPUC holds approximately 175 contested cases annually, therefore one additional proceeding will result in no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 597*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMELY REMOVAL OF DOUBLE AND BARE UTILITY POLES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to hold a contested case proceeding to establish uniform procedures and schedules for the timely removal of double and bare utility poles. The proceeding must at least review how entities such as municipalities, municipal utilities, and the Department of Transportation can comply with existing procedures and schedules. DPUC must issue a final decision by July 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/10/2009)