



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5406

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BARRIERS TO THE FORMATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study barriers to the formation of public utilities. Such study shall
3 include an examination of legal difficulties municipalities may face
4 when forming a public utility and shall include recommendations for
5 statutory changes to overcome such difficulties and encourage the
6 formation of such public utilities.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

13 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

16 (7) The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and
17 Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee.

18 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
19 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
20 of the General Assembly.

21 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
22 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
23 filled by the appointing authority.

24 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
25 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
26 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
27 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
28 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

29 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
30 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning
31 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

32 (g) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a
33 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
34 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to planning and development and energy, in accordance with
36 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force
37 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1,
38 2013, whichever is later.

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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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study legal barriers to the formation of municipal utilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]