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DIGEST

Peacock (SB 273)

Proposed law authorizes the Louisiana Public Service Commission, notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, on or after January 1, 2013, to require that, whenever a parish governing authority imposes a franchise fee upon a public utility which the utility collects or recovers from the utility's consumers, the utility's monthly billing statement shall specifically and clearly include a separate line item for the applicable franchise fee, with the name of the parish imposing the fee, the total amount or rate of the franchise fee, and the total amount of the billing attributable to the fee.

Proposed law requests the Louisiana Public Service Commission to study requiring public utilities to include such a line item, including holding public hearings as deemed necessary and to report its findings to the legislature on or before February 1, 2013.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:4510(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the original bill

1. Completely changes the proposed law from one which prohibits any payments of a franchise fee by an electric, gas, or water public utility to a political subdivision in excess of 2% from being added to the utility's bill to one which authorizes the PSC to require a line item on a customer's bill from a public utility reflecting such fees as set forth above.