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## HOUSE BILL No. 1788

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DIGEST OF HB 1788 (Updated February 22, 2001 12:09 PM - DI 101)

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-1.

**Synopsis:** Electric meter bases. Provides that when a customer of a public or municipally owned electric utility installs or upgrades electric service, the utility must supply the customer with a meter base if the meter base: (1) is necessary for the installation or upgrade; and (2) has not already been supplied by the customer. Prohibits a utility from requiring a customer, or a contractor or subcontractor hired by the customer, to obtain a meter from an outside supplier or vendor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Technology.  
February 19, 2001, reported — Do Pass.  
February 22, 2001, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-2-36.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2001]: **Sec. 36.2. (a) As used in this section, "meter base" refers**  
4 **to the unit to which a:**  
5 **(1) meter; or**  
6 **(2) other device used to measure electricity supplied by a**  
7 **utility;**  
8 **is attached at the time the meter or device is installed.**  
9 **(b) As used in this section, "utility" refers to a public or**  
10 **municipally owned electric utility. The term includes a corporation**  
11 **formed under IC 8-1-13 to make electric energy available to**  
12 **inhabitants of rural areas of Indiana.**  
13 **(c) When a new customer of a utility installs electric service, or**  
14 **an existing customer of the utility upgrades the customer's electric**  
15 **service, the utility must supply the customer with a meter base if**  
16 **the meter base:**  
17 **(1) is necessary for the installation or upgrade; and**

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- 1           **(2) has not already been supplied by the customer.**
- 2           **A utility may not require a customer, or a contractor or**
- 3           **subcontractor hired by the customer, to purchase or otherwise**
- 4           **acquire a meter base from an outside supplier or vendor.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred House Bill 1788, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

FRY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 5.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1788 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 13, delete "utility installs service for a".

Page 1, line 13, after "customer" insert "**of a utility installs electric service,**".

Page 1, line 13, after "or" insert "**an existing customer of the utility**".

Page 1, line 14, delete "service for an existing customer," and insert "**the customer's electric service,**".

Page 2, delete lines 4 through 7.

(Reference is to HB 1788 as printed February 20, 2001.)

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