
HOUSE BILL No. 1788

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-1-2-36.2.

Synopsis: Electric meter bases. Provides that when a public or municipally owned electric utility installs or upgrades service for a customer, 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. Provides that upon approval of the Indiana utility regulatory commission, a utility may include in its fee for installing or upgrading service a reasonable charge to cover the utility's actual expenses in supplying the customer with a meter base.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Technology.

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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.

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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 utility installs service for a new customer or**
14 **upgrades service for an existing customer, the utility must supply**
15 **the customer with a meter base if the meter base:**
16 **(1) is necessary for the installation or upgrade; and**
17 **(2) has not already been supplied by the customer.**



1 **A utility may not require a customer, or a contractor or**
2 **subcontractor hired by the customer, to purchase or otherwise**
3 **acquire a meter base from an outside supplier or vendor.**

4 **(d) Upon the approval of the commission, a utility may include**
5 **in its fee for installing or upgrading service a reasonable charge to**
6 **cover the utility's actual expenses in supplying a meter base under**
7 **subsection (c).**

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