

State Corporation Commission

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1902

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Plum

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Local telephone companies.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Local telephone companies. Eliminates the requirement that the State Corporation Commission conduct a hearing on every application for a certificate to furnish local exchange telephone service. Applicants will have an opportunity for a hearing. Obsolete language is deleted.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are unavailable, but will be minimal.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation should result in some cost-savings to the State Corporation Commission's Communications Division, Office of the General Counsel, and the Office of Hearing Examiners, since a reduction in the number of hearings is anticipated. The Commission is not able to provide an estimate on the fiscal impact of the bill, but it should be minimal. Certificate applicants should also realize some legal costs reductions.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission's Communications Division, Office of the General Counsel and Office of Hearing Examiners.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: Delegate Plum introduced this bill at the request of the State Corporation Commission. By eliminating the mandatory hearing and providing for a hearing upon request, competitive local exchange carriers and the State Corporation Commission would save valuable resources. Interested parties and the public will continue to provide comments on applications for certification. Hearings will be conducted upon request.

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