

State Corporation Commission 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2397

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron May

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Public utilities; communication services.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Public utilities; communication services. Gives the State Corporation Commission the authority to enforce the provisions of law that permit a locality to offer communication services, including local telephone service, to customers. Localities that have obtained a certificate to offer local telephone service are required to file an annual report demonstrating that they have complied with the requirements of law regarding certain accounting practices. Localities offering qualifying communication services, including high-speed data and Internet services, are required to provide nondiscriminatory access to for-profit providers of communication services on a first-come, first-served basis, are prohibited from cross-subsidizing such services, and are prohibited from acquiring facilities for such services by eminent domain. The Commission may deem telephone services competitive on the basis of a category of customers, and the Commission may also determine bundles of competitive and noncompetitive services if the noncompetitive services are available separately.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Not available

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: The State Corporation Commission Communications Division is unable to determine the fiscal impact of this legislation. See item #11.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission and its Communications Division and Office of General Counsel.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: This bill may increase SCC staff workload. However, the SCC's Communication's Division is unable to determine whether additional staff will be necessary. This depends on the number of localities seeking certification, how many actually offer regulated local exchange service to end-user customers, and when.

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