

State Corporation Commission 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1297

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

2. Patron: Helmer

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: State Corporation Commission; members.

5. Summary: Increases from three to five the number of members of the State Corporation Commission. The measure requires that the new members be initially elected for a six-year term during the earlier of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly or any special session convened prior thereto.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, the State Corporation Commission would need additional non-general fund appropriation (see 7 below). The expenditures will be paid from each of the Commission's special funds (all non-general funds).

Additionally, the expenditure would likely require an increase in the fees assessed on the regulated entities across the special funds including the regulatory tax paid by consumers.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	\$0	0	N/A
2021	\$1,322,900	6	NGF
2022	\$1,375,000	6	NGF
2023	\$1,375,000	6	NGF
2024	\$1,375,000	6	NGF
2025	\$1,375,000	6	NGF
2026	\$1,375,000	6	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: The expenses for fiscal year 2021 includes costs for the construction of two offices, relocating existing staff and five months of salary and benefits and office expenses for the two additional Commissioners and two staff members for each new Commissioner.

Projected expenses for the other fiscal years include salaries, benefits and ongoing office and technology expenses. This analysis does not factor in potential salary increases or the increase in the Commission's portion of benefit expenses.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary:

11. Other Comments:

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