

## State Corporation Commission 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB645

House of Origin      X     Introduced                 Substitute                 Engrossed  
Second House                In Committee             Substitute                 Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Watkins

**3. Committee:** Local Government

**4. Title:**         **Undergrounding of electric transmission lines.**

**5. Summary:** Undergrounding of electric transmission lines. Prohibits the State Corporation Commission from approving an agreement between a local governing body and an electric utility for the underground installation of an electric transmission line of at least 150 kilovolts if a feasible overhead alternative exists, unless all localities in which the line passes request that the line be installed underground.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact on state agencies; however, there is potential fiscal impact on localities. See Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Localities wishing to have a new transmission line constructed underground, when there is a feasible overhead alternative, would have to create special tax districts to impose and collect local tax revenue to cover the incremental costs of the underground construction.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local governing bodies; State Corporation Commission

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** No

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