

## State Corporation Commission 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB611

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bell, Robert B.

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Regulation of water and sewer utilities.

**5. Summary:** Regulation of water and sewer utilities. Makes water and sewer companies subject to the rules of the State Corporation Commission (SCC) regarding meetings and communications between SCC commissioners and any party, or between commissioners and staff, concerning any fact or issue arising out of a proceeding involving the regulation of rates, charges, services, or facilities of a utility. The measure requires the SCC, when setting rates relating to the use of water or sewer systems, to set the rates for use by a group of customers served by common facilities in a contiguous geographic area on the basis of the costs of serving that group alone and without reference to the costs of serving any other group of customers. The measure eliminates the requirement that a public utility publish notice of a proposed rate increase in a newspaper and requires the public utility to send notice of a proposed rate increase electronically to customers who receive bills electronically.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No impact on the State Corporation Commission

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None on the State Corporation Commission

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None

**11. Other Comments:** None

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