

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 4050

By Delegate Hansen

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Committee on the Judiciary

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §24-3-11, relating to establishing reporting requirements for utilities that are
3 members of a regional transmission organization; and providing the contents and timing of
4 those reports.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 3. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SUBJECT TO
REGULATIONS OF COMMISSION.**

§24-3-11. Reporting by utilities that are members of a regional transmission organization.

1 (a) As used in this section:

2 "Affiliate" means a person who directly or indirectly, or through one or more intermediaries,
3 controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, or has, directly or indirectly, any
4 economic interest in another person.

5 "Meeting" means any committee, user group, task force or any other part of the regional
6 transmission organization in which votes are taken.

7 "Recorded vote" means any final or non-final vote that is tabulated, individually or as part of
8 a sector, for any purpose at a meeting, regardless of whether the vote represents a final position of
9 any entity casting a vote or the decision-making authority of those voting.

10 "Regional Transmission Organization" means an entity that qualifies as a regional
11 transmission organization under 18 C.F.R. § 35.34 (2006).

12 (b) This section applies only to public utilities that are members of a regional transmission
13 organization.

14 (c) (1) On or before February 1 each year, each public utility that is a member of a regional
15 transmission organization shall submit to the commission a report of any recorded vote cast by the
16 public utility or an affiliate at a meeting of that regional transmission organization during the
17 immediately preceding calendar year.

- 18 (2) The report shall include:
- 19 (A) All recorded votes cast by the public utility, regardless of whether the vote is otherwise
- 20 disclosed;
- 21 (B) All votes cast by any affiliate of the public utility, where the public service utility did not
- 22 vote on the matter; and
- 23 (C) A brief description explaining how each vote cast by the public utility or its affiliate, as
- 24 appropriate, is in the interest of the public.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that each public utility that is a member of a regional transmission organization submit information relating to the utility's or an affiliate's votes at a regional transmission organization meeting.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.