

HB 541 -- Low-Income Utility Rates

Sponsor: Willoughby

This bill allows the Public Service Commission to consider ability to pay as a factor in setting residential rates and terms of service for electric and gas corporations. Terms and conditions must be proposed by the corporation as a program to ensure affordable, reliable, and continuous utility service for low-income residential customers. The commission may also approve energy efficiency, weatherization, and evaluation components of a program, and utilities may recover program costs through any rate proceeding.