

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1506 Electric Utilities by Senator Bennett

Requires a court to conduct a hearing no more than 120 days after an electric utility has filed a petition seeking to appropriate property necessary for an electric generation plant, an associated facility of such a plant, an electric substation, or a power line. Requires the court to issue its final judgment no more than 30 days after the hearing.

Authorizes the Secretary of Environmental Protection or the governing board of a jurisdictional water management district to grant easements across lands owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund under certain conditions. Grants a utility the use of nonsovereignty state-owned lands upon a showing of competent and substantial evidence that its use is reasonable.

Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules relating to the placement of and access to aerial and underground electric utility transmission lines having certain specifications.

Requires the Public Service Commission to establish rules relating to cost recovery for the construction of a nuclear power plant, including new, expanded, or relocated electrical transmission lines and facilities that are necessary to serve the plant. Exempts an electric utility from obtaining certification under the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act before constructing facilities for a power plant using nuclear materials as fuel.

Provides for rules and regulations relating to a proposal for an alternative transmission line corridor. Requires the board, consisting of the Governor and Cabinet, to certify the corridor having the least adverse impact. Requires the applicant proposing the alternative corridor to publish all notices relating to the application, and requires that such notices comply with certain requirements. (See bill for details)