

HOUSE BILL No. 1223

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-1-13-3.

Synopsis: REMC educational services. Adds materials or equipment related to educational services to the definition of services for purposes of the statute governing rural electric membership corporations.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 11, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-13-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. The following terms whenever
- 3 used or referred to in this chapter have the following meanings, unless
- 4 a different meaning clearly appears from the context:
- 5 (a) "Corporation" means a corporation formed under this chapter.
- 6 (b) "Municipality" means any county, city, or town of this state.
- 7 (c) "Person" or "inhabitant" means natural persons, firms,
- 8 associations, corporations, limited liability companies, business trusts,
- 9 partnerships, and bodies politic.
- 10 (d) "Energy" means all electric energy no matter how generated or
- 11 produced.
- 12 (e) "System" means any plant, works, system, facilities, or
- 13 properties, together with all parts thereof and appurtenances thereto,
- 14 used or useful in the furnishing of services.
- 15 (f) "Obligations" means negotiable bonds, interim certificates or
- 16 receipts, notes, debentures, and all other evidences of indebtedness,



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1 either issued or the payment thereof assumed by the corporation.

2 (g) "Law" means any law of this state.

3 (h) "Federal agency" means the United States of America, the
4 President of the United States of America, the federal emergency
5 administrator of public works and any other authority, agency, or
6 instrumentality of the United States of America, heretofore or hereafter
7 created.

8 (i) "Acquire" means construction, obtaining by purchase, lease,
9 devise, or gift, the exercise of the right of eminent domain in the
10 manner provided by law for the exercise thereof, or other mode of
11 acquisition.

12 (j) "Improve" means to construct, reconstruct, improve, extend,
13 enlarge, alter, better, or repair.

14 (k) "Board" means board of directors of a corporation formed under
15 this chapter.

16 (l) "Member" means each person signing the articles of
17 incorporation of a corporation and each person admitted to membership
18 therein pursuant to law or the corporation's bylaws.

19 (m) "Service" or "services" means the furnishing of energy or other
20 utility services incidental to development, operation, or maintenance
21 of utility infrastructure and the rendering of related engineering,
22 financial, accounting, economic **development**, or community
23 development **services**, or educational services **and related materials**
24 **or equipment** assisting in the establishment and maintenance of better
25 communication between corporations and their members, or any of the
26 same.

27 (n) As used in this chapter, the word "territory" when modified by
28 the phrase "already being served with energy by any public or
29 municipally owned utility" shall not be construed to include territory
30 served by an electric distribution line or lines:

31 (1) acquired prior to March 1, 1980, from a public or municipally
32 owned utility by a corporation formed or admitted to do business
33 in this state under this chapter; or

34 (2) acquired on or after March 1, 1980, from a public or
35 municipally owned utility by such a corporation;

36 if the Indiana utility regulatory commission, after public hearing, finds
37 that public convenience and necessity would be best served by, and
38 authorizes, such acquisition, and if the electric distribution line or lines,
39 together with all other facilities proposed to be purchased, have a
40 reproduction cost new, less depreciation, of not more than three
41 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and are not located in whole or
42 in part in any city or town having a population in excess of one

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1 thousand five hundred (1,500); however, the dollar and population
2 limitations do not apply if the acquisition is agreed to in all respects by
3 all affected electricity suppliers and is approved by the commission.
4 (o) As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana
5 utility regulatory commission.

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