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SYNOPSIS

Requires BPU to establish and maintain electronic docketing system providing online document access to public.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring the Board of Public Utilities to establish and
2 maintain an electronic docketing system and supplementing Title
3 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill):

10 “Board” means the Board of Public Utilities or any successor
11 agency.

12 “Docket system” means the central, digitized electronic docket
13 system established by the board pursuant to section 2 of P.L. ,
14 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

15 “Official record” means any official record of the board,
16 including, but not limited to, all rules, regulations, orders, notices,
17 and meeting minutes of the board, all annual and other reports
18 produced by the board, all transcribed proceedings of the board, all
19 testimony and comments from board commissioners and staff, all
20 filings submitted to the board, and any written comments from the
21 public as submitted to the board. “Official record” shall not include
22 any pleading, petition, or complaint filed with the board at any date
23 10 years prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
24 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or any pleading,
25 petition, or complaint determined to be defective by board staff.

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27 2. a. The Board of Public Utilities shall establish, maintain,
28 and update, as appropriate, a docket system that shall contain every
29 official record of the board. Within 90 days of the effective date of
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
31 the board shall make available on its docket system:

32 (1) all official records of the board as of the effective date of
33 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

34 (2) all pleadings, petitions, and complaints filed with the board
35 within 10 years prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
36 (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

37 (3) all official records created and all pleadings, petitions, and
38 complaints submitted to the board thereafter.

39 b. All documents provided on the docket system as required
40 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
41 this bill) shall be available for online downloading by the public
42 and have online text searching availability. The board shall provide
43 any document required to be made available on the docket system
44 within 24 hours of the date the document is submitted to and
45 accepted by board staff.

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47 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill requires the Board of Public Utilities (board) to
4 establish, maintain, and update, as appropriate, a central, digitized
5 electronic docket system (docket system) that is to contain every
6 “official record,” as defined in the bill, of the board. Within 90
7 days of the effective date of the bill, the board is to make available
8 on its docket system: 1) all official records of the board as of the
9 effective date of the bill; 2) all pleadings, petitions, and complaints
10 filed with the board within 10 years prior to the effective date of the
11 bill; and 3) all official records created and all pleadings, petitions,
12 and complaints submitted to the board thereafter. All documents
13 provided on the docket system as required pursuant to the bill are to
14 be available for online downloading by the public and have online
15 text searching availability. The board is to provide any document
16 required to be made available on the docket system within 24 hours
17 of the date the document is submitted to and accepted by board
18 staff.