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§ 366.92. Florida renewable energy policy.

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote the development of renewable energy; protect the economic viability of Florida's existing renewable energy facilities; diversify the types of fuel used to generate electricity in Florida; lessen Florida's dependence on natural gas and fuel oil for the production of electricity; minimize the volatility of fuel costs; encourage investment within the state; improve environmental conditions; and, at the same time, minimize the costs of power supply to electric utilities and their customers.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Provider" means a "utility" as defined in s. 366.8255(1)(a).

(b) "Renewable energy" includes renewable energy and renewable natural gas as those terms are defined in s. 366.91(2).

(3) Each municipal electric utility and rural electric cooperative shall develop standards for the promotion, encouragement, and expansion of the use of renewable energy resources and energy conservation and efficiency measures. On or before April 1, annually, each municipal electric utility and electric cooperative shall submit to the commission a report that identifies such standards.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impede or impair terms and conditions of existing contracts.

(5) The commission may adopt rules to administer and implement the provisions of this section.

History

S. 18, <u>*ch.* 2006-230</u>, eff. June 19, 2006; s. 42, <u>*ch.* 2008-227</u>, eff. July 1, 2008; s. 504, <u>*ch.* 2011-142</u>, eff. July 1, 2011; s. 10, <u>*ch.* 2012-117</u>, eff. July 1, 2012; s. 36, <u>*ch.* 2018-110</u>, effective May 10, 2018; s. 3, <u>*ch.* 2021-178</u>, effective July 1, 2021.

Annotations

Notes

Amendments.

The 2008 amendment by s. 42, ch. 2008-227, effective July 1, 2008, rewrote the introductory language in (2), which formerly read: "For the purposes of this section, "Florida renewable energy resources" shall mean renewable energy, as defined in s. 377.803, that is produced in Florida"; added the (2)(a) designation, (2)(b) through (2)(e),

and (3) through (6); deleted former (3), which pertained to the commission's authority to appropriate goals, and to review and reestablish goals at least once every 5 years; and redesignated former (4) as present (7).

The 2011 amendment substituted "Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services" for "Florida Energy and Climate Commission" in the second sentence of the first paragraph of (3).

The 2012 amendment deleted former (2)(a), which read: "Florida renewable energy resources' means renewable energy, as defined in s. 377.803, that is produced in Florida"; redesignated former (2)(b) and (2)(c) as (2)(a) and (2)(b); deleted former (2)(d), (2)(e), (3), and (4); and redesignated former (5) through (7) as (3) through (5).

The 2018 amendment by s. 36, ch. 2018-110 substituted "April 1, annually" for "April 1, 2009, and annually thereafter" in the second sentence of (3).

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