

**SENATE BILL No. 278**

By Committee on Utilities

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1 AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to the citizens' utility  
2 ratepayer board; powers of the consumer counsel; amending K.S.A. 66-  
3 1223 and repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 66-1223 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-  
7 1223. The consumer counsel may do the following:

8 (a) Represent *the citizens' utility ratepayer board* and residential and  
9 small commercial ratepayers before the state corporation commission, *the*  
10 *federal energy regulatory commission, the federal communications*  
11 *commission, the southwest power pool or any other regional transmission*  
12 *organization in which a Kansas utility is a member;*

13 (b) function as an official intervenor in cases filed with the state  
14 corporation commission, *the federal energy regulatory commission and*  
15 *the federal communications commission, including rate increase requests;*

16 (c) initiate actions before the state corporation commission;

17 (d) represent residential and commercial ratepayers who file formal  
18 utility complaints with the state corporation commission;

19 (e) intervene in formal complaint cases—~~which~~ *that* would affect  
20 ratepayers; and

21 (f) make application for a rehearing or seek judicial review of any  
22 order or decision of the state corporation commission.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 66-1223 is hereby repealed.

24 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
25 publication in the statute book.