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SENATE BILL No. 81

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning the state corporation commission; relating to electric
public utilities; regional electric rates; report to the legislature;
amending K.S.A. 66-117b and repealing the existing section.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 66-117b is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-7 117b. (*a*) The state corporation commission shall report to the legislature 8 in accordance with this section on or before February 1 each year in regard 9 to:

10 (1) Any changed rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or 11 schedule of charges, or any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the 12 service or rates of a public utility or common carrier approved by the state 13 corporation commission during the preceding fiscal year. Such report shall 14 contain statistical and narrative information as the state corporation commission deems appropriate. Such report need not include any 15 16 information regarding any public utility or common carrier that had less 17 than \$10,000,000 annual operating revenues in the preceding calendar 18 vear: and

19 (2) the average residential, commercial and industrial electric rates 20 of electric public utilities in Kansas in comparison to the average residential, commercial and industrial rates of electric public utilities from 21 22 at least nine states in the region, including states contiguous to Kansas, to 23 provide information that may assist future legislative and regulatory 24 efforts to develop forward-looking electric policy that leads to regionally 25 competitive electric rates and reliable electric service. Such report shall 26 contain financial, statistical and narrative information outlining the 27 components comprising each electric public utility's average rates and 28 any other information as the commission deems appropriate. Such report 29 need not include any information regarding any municipal electric public 30 utility or cooperative electric public utility that has elected to exempt itself 31 from the jurisdiction, regulation, supervision and control of the 32 commission.

(b) The report reports to the legislature under this section shall be
made by the state corporation commission by either (a) by:

35 *(1)* Publishing such report on the internet and by notifying the 36 legislature that the report is available and providing, as part of such notice,

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- the uniform resource locator (URL)-at which where such report is 1 available,; or (b) by 2
- (2) submitting copies of such report on <u>CD-ROM or other</u> electronically readable media to the legislature. 3 4
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- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 66-117b is hereby repealed. Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 6 publication in the statute book. 7