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Proposed Bill No. 5404

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION AND CONDUCT OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require that (1) the Public
- 2 Utilities Regulatory Authority issue no final determination on any
- 3 docket until existing vacancies on said authority are filled, (2) the
- 4 existing vacancies on said authority be filled by one appointment by the
- 5 president pro tempore of the Senate and one appointment by the
- 6 speaker of the House of Representatives, (3) three members of said
- 7 authority shall be members of the majority party and two members shall
- 8 be members of the minority party, (4) any matter assigned to be heard
- 9 by the chairperson of said authority must include a member of the
- 10 authority from the minority party, (5) said authority be separated from
- 11 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, (6) the
- 12 chairperson of said authority provide for administrative support for

13 each member of said authority, (7) the members of the authority refrain
14 from ex parte communications with representatives of the Office of the
15 Governor and any chairperson of any joint standing committee of the
16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to said
17 authority, (8) electric distribution companies be allowed to recover costs
18 in any rate case for reasonably known or expected costs, and (9) the
19 affirmative vote of both chambers of the General Assembly be required
20 to enact any moratorium or other policy that would preclude electrical
21 service shutoff for nonpayment based on end use customer hardship or
22 other factors.

Statement of Purpose:

To require full and bipartisan membership on the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, restructure the role of said authority and make said authority independent from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.