

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**May 1, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2818** by Ritter (Relating to the delay of retail electric competition in the areas of the state covered by the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council and to the recovery of certain transmission costs by electric utilities in those areas.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Utilities Code relating to the delay of retail electric competition in the areas of the state covered by the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council by authorizing the Public Utility Commission (PUC) not to consider or implement retail electric competition in certain electric control areas and requiring certain electric utilities to file with the PUC for the recovery of certain costs relating to a transition to competition plan.

Based on the analysis of the PUC, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

This bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house or would otherwise take effect on September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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