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H.693

Introduced by Representative Browning of Arlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Utilities; electric; distribution; statewide cooperative

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the public service board to design a plan that would restructure Vermont's electric distribution utilities into one statewide electric distribution cooperative.

An act relating to a statewide electric distribution cooperative

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 209b is added to read:

§ 209b. STATEWIDE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVE

(a) The public service board shall design in the form of draft legislation a plan for restructuring Vermont's electric distribution system into a statewide electric distribution cooperative. The plan shall apply to any entity engaged in the distribution of electricity directly to consumers within the state of Vermont, including the existing for-profit, municipal, and cooperative entities.

(b) The plan shall be developed with the aid of an electric cooperative collaborative. The collaborative shall be composed of representatives from the electric utilities, residential customers, consumer representatives, the

1 department of public service, and any other stakeholders identified by the
2 board. The collaborative shall aid in the development of the plan, as well as
3 the requirements for the implementation and funding of the plan.

4 (c) The proposed plan shall be presented to the general assembly in the
5 form of draft legislation for consideration in January 2013.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.