

HOUSE BILL NO. 1580

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Commerce and Energy

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Sullivan)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 56 a section numbered 56-8.3, relating to State Corporation Commission vacancy; extensions.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 56 a section numbered 56-8.3 as follows:**

**§ 56-8.3. Commission vacancy; extensions.**

Whenever a vacancy in the Commission shall occur or exist, any provision of § 56-580, 56-585.1, 56-585.1:4, 56-585.1:9, 56-585.1:11, 56-585.5, 56-599, 56-602, 56-604, or 56-625 that requires the Commission to act within less than 12 months from the date of a filing shall be extended to 12 months from the date of such filing, unless the Commission determines, in its discretion or upon demonstration by the applicant, that such extension would threaten the reliability or security of electric or natural gas service to customers. For a Phase I or Phase II Utility, as those terms are defined in subsection A of § 56-585.1, the timeline for compliance with § 56-580, 56-585.1, 56-585.1:4, 56-585.1:9, 56-585.1:11, 56-585.5, 56-599, 56-602, 56-604, or 56-625 shall be extended by the same number of days by which the timeline for the Commission was extended pursuant to this section.

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