

HB2579



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB2579

by Rep. Brandon W. Phelps

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/16-126.1

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that the State may not, rather than shall not, directly prohibit a qualifying electric utility from seeking membership in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved regional transmission organization of its choosing.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
5 Section 16-126.1 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/16-126.1)

7 Sec. 16-126.1. Regional transmission organization
8 memberships. The State may ~~shall~~ not directly or indirectly
9 prohibit an electric utility that on December 31, 2005 provided
10 electric service to at least 100,000 customers in Illinois from
11 membership in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved
12 regional transmission organization of its choosing. Nothing in
13 this Section limits any authority the Commission otherwise has
14 to regulate that electric utility. This Section ceases to be
15 effective on July 1, 2022 unless extended by the General
16 Assembly by law.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-481, eff. 8-28-07.)