DIGEST

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SB 460 Engrossed 2022 Regular Session Ward

Proposed law creates the "Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Network Act" for purposes of establishing a statewide electric vehicle charging technology and equipment network.

Proposed law declares that the legislature's intent is to promote the rapid development of a statewide electric vehicle charging network by doing all of the following:

(1) Improving the quantity, quality, and variety of electric vehicle charging amenities and consumer experience services available in the state.

(2) Urging the La. Public Service Commission to establish an electric vehicle charging rate structure that promotes long-term alternative fuel market competition by encouraging transparent pricing, more stable electricity costs, expanded investment opportunities in charging infrastructure, innovation, and a widespread implementation of publicly available fast charging, electric vehicle charging technology and equipment.

(3) Urging the La. Public Service Commission to explore excluding persons or corporations from the definition of public utility when all of the following occur:

   (a) Those persons or corporations purchase electricity from an electric public utility or a municipal electric utility.

   (b) Those persons or corporations furnish electricity exclusively to charge battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to or for the public for compensation.

   (c) Those persons or corporations do not otherwise operate as a public utility.

Proposed law defines "commission" and "electric public utility".

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 45:1621-1623)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.

2. Creates the "Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Network Act".

3. Provides for legislative intent.

4. Defines "electric public utility".

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.