

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3250

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;  
8 requiring promulgation of certain rules and  
9 procedures; requiring electric utility companies to  
10 bury certain lines underground; allowing for  
11 application for rate adjustment to recover costs and  
12 expenditures; providing for codification; and  
13 providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 294 of Title 17, unless there is  
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules and procedures  
19 requiring electric utilities operating in this state to replace all  
20 existing residential power lines, lines connecting power plants to  
21 grids, cross-country high-voltage lines, substation power lines,  
22 distribution and transmission overhead wires, power poles, and  
23 associated overhead structures with subterranean power lines. In  
24 addition, all construction of like projects installed in the future  
shall require subterranean installations. The rules and procedures

1 shall contain provisions allowing the electric utility, subject to  
2 rate regulation by the Corporation Commission, to file an  
3 application seeking Commission authorization to make capital  
4 expenditures for necessary equipment or facilities and to adjust its  
5 rates to recover the costs of expenditures to comply with the  
6 requirements of this section.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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