

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Rep. Suder:

Please note the following about this bill:

1. The bill requires the PSC to promulgate rules establishing requirements and procedures for the notice that is required. In promulgating the rules, the PSC will resolve some issues relating to the notice, such as, for example, the timing of the notice. Is that okay? Also, the bill allows the PSC to promulgate emergency rules, which may be necessary if the PSC is unable to promulgate regular rules in time to implement the bill's requirements. The emergency rules would "fill the gap" before the regular rules go into effect. Is that okay?
2. You also requested the bill to require a municipal water utility to provide notice to a landlord before adding a tenant's delinquent water bill to the landlord's property tax. Current law already addresses this issue. Under s. 66.0809 (5), if a landlord notifies a municipal water utility in writing of the name and address of the tenant who is responsible for paying utility charges, the municipal utility may not add delinquent charges to the landlord's property tax bill unless the municipal utility has notified the landlord about the delinquency. (Section s. 66.0809 (5) also applies to electric bills.) Please review s. 66.0809 (5) and let me know if you want to make any changes to that statute.

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