



2013 SENATE BILL 47

February 28, 2013 – Introduced by Senator GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives LEMAHIEU, KESTELL, NASS, SCHRAA, BROOKS and T. LARSON. Referred to Energy, Consumer Protection, and Government Reform.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 196.378 (2) (a) 2. d. and 196.378 (2) (a) 2. e.; and **to amend**
2 196.378 (2) (a) 2. c. of the statutes; **relating to:** renewable energy requirements
3 for retail electric utilities and cooperatives.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a retail electric utility or cooperative (electric provider) is subject to certain requirements for ensuring that, in a given year, a specified percentage of the electricity that the electric provider sells to retail customers or members is derived from renewable energy. In 2006 to 2009, an electric provider was required to ensure that the percentage of renewable energy sold to its customers or members did not decrease below its baseline renewable percentage, which is defined as the average percentage of renewable energy sold in 2001 to 2003. In 2010, an electric provider was required to increase its percentage of renewable energy sold to 2 percentage points above its baseline renewable percentage. In 2011 to 2014, an electric provider is required to ensure that its percentage of renewable energy sold does not decrease below the percentage required for 2010. In 2015, an electric provider is required to increase its percentage of renewable energy sold to 6 percentage points above its baseline renewable percentage. In 2016 and each year thereafter, an electric provider is required to ensure that its percentage of renewable energy sold does not decrease below the percentage required in 2015.

This bill changes the above deadlines by requiring an electric provider to ensure that the percentage of renewable energy sold to its customers and members in 2011 and each year thereafter does not decrease below the percentage required under

