



AN ACT MODIFYING THE PROCESS FOR REVISING THE STATE ENERGY POLICY; AMENDING SECTION 90-4-1003, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 90-4-1003, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-4-1003. Energy policy development process. (1) ~~(a) Except as provided for in subsection (1)(b), each interim~~ At the first interim committee meeting held during each interim, the energy and telecommunications interim committee established in 5-5-230 shall review the state energy policy and, if determined necessary by the committee, discuss at future meetings issues to be included in a revised policy and recommend potential changes to ~~the state energy policy, pursuant to subsection (2).~~

~~(b) During the 2009-2010 interim, the committee shall consult with a broad representation of stakeholders, including appropriate state agencies and the public, and focus on the following issues to be included in a revised state energy policy:~~

- ~~—— (i) increasing the supply of low-cost electricity with coal-fired generation;~~
- ~~—— (ii) rebuilding and extending electric transmission lines;~~
- ~~—— (iii) maximizing state land use for energy generation;~~
- ~~—— (iv) increasing energy efficiency standards for new construction;~~
- ~~—— (v) promoting conservation;~~
- ~~—— (vi) promoting energy efficiency incentives;~~
- ~~—— (vii) promoting alternative energy systems;~~
- ~~—— (viii) reducing regulations that increase ratepayers' energy costs; and~~
- ~~—— (ix) integrating wind energy.~~

(2) ~~Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), the~~ If the committee decides to discuss issues to be included in a revised policy and recommend potential changes, it shall consult with a broad representation of stakeholders, including appropriate state agencies and the public, in developing the ~~issues to be included within the proposed;~~

revised state energy policy ~~each interim~~.

(3) ~~Each biennium, the~~ If revisions to the state energy policy are proposed by the committee, then before September 15 of the year preceding a legislative session, the committee shall forward its recommendations for a proposed revised state energy policy to the legislature and to the appropriate state agencies for adoption.

(4) In carrying out its responsibilities under this section, the committee shall use its interim budget, as allocated by the legislative council, and rely on the input of locally available experts and staff research to accomplish its responsibilities."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 0065, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2011.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2011.

SENATE BILL NO. 65

INTRODUCED BY V. JACKSON

BY REQUEST OF THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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