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## **Section**

- 1 Members. Requires at least two of the five members on the Public Utilities Commission to be from outside the metropolitan area, and that one of these two be from outside a city of the first or second class.
- Utility regulatory review. Requires the chair of the commission and the commissioner of commerce to jointly review the organizational structure and regulatory procedures by which utility providers are regulated by the state, and to issue recommendations by January 15, 2004 for executive and legislative actions that could be taken to ensure the state has the most representative, cost-effective and efficient utility regulatory system possible.

Specifies that a primary focus of this review is to ensure that the regulatory structure and process takes into account the issues and concerns of rural and center city service providers, residents and businesses.

**Effective date.** Makes section 1 effective June 30, 2004, and section 2 effective immediately.