



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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House Bill 422

Version: Introduced

Patron: Cole

Title: Public utilities; prohibition of multiple rate increases within three-year period for certain utilities.

Summary: Prohibits a public utility authorized to furnish water or water and sewer service from filing an application for a rate increase more frequently than once in any three-year period. The bill provides exceptions to such prohibition for the utility to file an application (i) for a decrease in rates; (ii) limited to a rate adjustment clause, rider, or surcharge; (iii) for a temporary emergency increase in rates; or (iv) for an increase upon a finding by the State Corporation Commission that extraordinary circumstances exist that materially impair the public utility's ability to provide safe and adequate service.

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

Amendment Necessary: Budget, Item ###
 Technical, see *Technical Note* below
 None

Fiscal Summary

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

None.

Expenditures

None.

Change in FTE

None.

Other Comments

None.

Technical Note

None.