

House Bill 985

By: Representatives Buckner of the 95th, Snow of the 2nd, Bannister of the 77th, Orrock of the 56th, Bell of the 25th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to public utilities, so as to provide for a pilot project as initial
3 implementation of legislation ending the authority of the Public Service Commission to
4 regulate rates charged for electricity, natural gas, and telephone service; to provide for duties
5 of the Public Service Commission; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions relative to public utilities, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be
10 designated Code Section 46-1-6 to read as follows:

11 "46-1-6.

12 Any legislation which directly or indirectly ends the authority of the Public Service
13 Commission to regulate rates charged for electricity, natural gas, or telephone service in
14 any part of the state or the entire state shall be implemented initially by a pilot project
15 designed by the Public Service Commission. On January 1 of the year following the
16 enactment of such legislation, the commission shall report to the General Assembly its
17 findings regarding any problems encountered during the pilot project and its
18 recommendations for further implementation of the legislation or amending the legislation."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.