
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6208

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By Senate Committee on Energy & Utilities (originally sponsored by Senators Erwin, Stratton and Saling)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a public utility district customer utilizing an
2 electrical contractor; adding a new section to chapter 54.04 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a customer of
6 a public utility district should have the opportunity to purchase the
7 services of a qualified electrical contractor licensed by the state.
8 The legislature further finds that this opportunity presently exists
9 for customers of a municipal electrical utility and that no legitimate
10 reasons exist to withhold this opportunity from customers of public
11 utility districts that operate an electrical utility.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 54.04 RCW
13 to read as follows:

1 If a district engaged in the operation of an electric utility
2 directly assesses its customers a service installation charge for a
3 temporary service, permanent service, or expanded service, the customer
4 may contract with a qualified electrical contractor licensed under
5 chapter 19.28 RCW to install the necessary material or equipment in
6 lieu of having district personnel perform the installation. If a
7 customer elects to employ a private electrical contractor, the private
8 electrical contractor shall be solely responsible for any damages
9 resulting from the installation of any temporary service, permanent
10 service, or expanded service and the district shall be immune from
11 liability for that installation.