
SENATE BILL 6208

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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, with the written approval of the district, contract with a
5 qualified electrical contractor licensed under chapter 19.28 RCW to
6 install the necessary material or equipment in lieu of having district
7 personnel perform the installation. The district shall provide the
8 customer with written reasons if it denies the customer's request to
9 utilize a private electrical contractor for such installation work. A
10 district's preference to utilize its own employees is not in itself a
11 legitimate reason for denying the request. If a customer elects to
12 employ a private electrical contractor, the private electrical
13 contractor shall be solely responsible for any damages resulting from
14 the installation of any temporary service, permanent service, or
15 expanded service and the district shall be immune from liability for
16 that installation.