

SESSION OF 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 692

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

SB 692 would establish the Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy, an 11-member bipartisan committee. The committee would be made up of six members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Minority Leader, and five members of the Senate, appointed by the President and the Minority Leader. The political parties would have proportional representation. Members of the committee would serve two-year terms, except that the term of initial members appointed on July 1, 2008 would end on the first day of the regular 2009 legislative session.

The initial chairperson would be a member of the Senate, appointed by the President. Beginning in 2009, the chairperson would be a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. Also beginning in 2009, the chairperson would serve for a biennium and appointment authority for the chairperson would alternate each biennium between the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The Committee would have the authority to meet at any time and place within the State on the call of the chairperson, and members would receive compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses for attendance at Committee meetings.

The Committee would be authorized to introduce legislation, and would be required to submit a report before December 31st each year, with any findings it deemed

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necessary concerning energy and environmental policy, to the legislature and to standing committees assigned to utility, energy, environment and natural resources issues.

Background

A representative of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation testified in favor of the bill. No opponents testified on the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget estimated a cost to the State General Fund of \$42,558 in FY 2009, assuming the Committee would have six two-day meetings.