

State of Arkansas  
94th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 576

By: Senator Gilmore  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF  
THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OVER  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-4-102(c)(3)(A), concerning the maximum amount allowed for direct recovery by the Arkansas Public Service Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A)(i) May adopt rules for direct recovery of the fees and expenses of contract attorneys and consultants from the affected utility under this section, provided that the utility is an electric public utility that is owned by a public utility holding company as defined by section 1262 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58.

(ii) The maximum amount that may be directly recovered from an affected utility shall be ~~three million dollars~~



~~(\$3,000,000) annually~~ five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per calendar year.

**APPROVED: 4/11/23**