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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 9, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for a referendum and voter
3 approval prior to certain utility rate increases.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 66, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,
7 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1315. Voter approval of certain rate changes.

10 (a) Approval required.--Before any rate increase may become
11 effective which would exceed the percentage increase, since the
12 public utility's most recent rate increase, in the consumer
13 price index as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of
14 the United State Department of Labor, it shall first be approved
15 by the commission and by the registered voters within the area
16 serviced by said utility.

17 (b) Manner of approval.--The question of voter approval in
18 the form of a referendum shall be conducted in accordance with

1 the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320),
2 known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code."

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.