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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 392, L.D. 1128, Bill, "An Act Directing the State Planning Office To Study Municipal Capabilities To Become Providers of Internet Services"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 3 to 14 in L.D.).

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2005" and inserting in its place the following: '2006'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy, removes section 1 of the bill concerning municipal authority to become a provider of wireless Internet service. Municipalities currently appear to have this authority under home rule authority. The amendment also changes the reporting deadline for the study required by the bill from September 12, 2005 to September 12, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/02/05 *MAC*

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An Act Directing the State Planning Office To Study Municipal Capabilities To Become Providers of Internet Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Majority Report

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with studying and reporting on the municipal capabilities to become providers of internet services can be absorbed by the State Planning Office, the Public Utilities Commission and the Department Economic and Community Development utilizing existing budgeted resources.