SENATE BILL No. 278

By Committee on Utilities

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AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to the citizens’ utility ratepayer board; powers of the consumer counsel; amending K.S.A. 66-1223 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 66-1223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

66-1223. The consumer counsel may do the following: (a) Represent the citizens' utility ratepayer board and residential and small commercial ratepayers before the state corporation commission, the federal energy regulatory commission, the federal communications commission, the southwest power pool or any other regional transmission organization in which a Kansas utility is a member; (b) function as an official intervenor in cases filed with the state corporation commission, the federal energy regulatory commission and the federal communications commission, including rate increase requests; (c) initiate actions before the state corporation commission; (d) represent residential and commercial ratepayers who file formal utility complaints with the state corporation commission; (e) intervene in formal complaint cases which would affect ratepayers; and (f) make application for a rehearing or seek judicial review of any order or decision of the state corporation commission.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 66-1223 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.