

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2008

Page 1, line 2, after "49-01-05" insert "and subsection 3 of section 49-21-01"

Page 1, line 3, after "commissioners" insert "and the definition of essential telecommunications service"

Page 1, line 11, replace "4,389,004" with "4,383,989"

Page 1, line 12, replace "1,067,294" with "1,054,694"

Page 1, line 16, replace "9,202,101" with "9,184,486"

Page 1, line 17, replace "5,633,045" with "5,663,045"

Page 1, line 18, replace "3,569,056" with "3,521,441"

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 49-21-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. "Essential telecommunications service" means service that is necessary for switched access to interexchange telecommunications companies and necessary for two-way switched communications for both residential and business service within a local exchange area. A charge based on measured service may not be required for residential and business local exchange service. Essential telecommunications services are limited to:
 - a. Switched access;
 - b. Any new product or service offered in North Dakota after July 1, 1989, deemed essential by the commission after notice and hearing in accordance with chapter 28-32;
 - c. Billing and collection of the billing company's own essential telecommunications services and billing and collection recording for interexchange carriers to which the local exchange carrier provides feature group C access service;
 - d. Primary directory listing, including nonlisted and nonpublished service, and ~~local exchange~~ access to directory assistance;
 - e. Emergency 911 services and emergency operator assistance in local exchange areas in which emergency 911 service is not available;
 - f. Except as provided in section 49-02-01.1, mandatory, flat-rate extended area service to designated nearby local exchange areas;
 - g. Installation of the service connection for essential services from the end user's premises to the local exchange network;

- h. Transmission service necessary for the connection between the end user's premises and the local exchange central office switch including a trunk connection that has direct inward dialing and necessary signaling service such as touchtone used by end users for essential telecommunications services;
- i. Single or multiparty flat-rate or measured residence and business service;
- j. Single or multiparty flat-rate or measured combination business and residence service; and
- k. The transmission service line for a coin or pay telephone."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 408 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HOUSE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$4,614,184	\$4,389,004	(\$5,015)	\$4,383,989
Operating expenses	1,074,694	1,067,294	(12,600)	1,054,694
Equipment	71,311	71,311		71,311
Grants	6,000	6,000		6,000
AML contractual services	<u>3,668,492</u>	<u>3,668,492</u>		<u>3,668,492</u>
Total all funds	\$9,434,681	\$9,202,101	(\$17,615)	\$9,184,486
Less special funds	<u>5,640,789</u>	<u>5,633,045</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>5,663,045</u>
General fund	\$3,793,892	\$3,569,056	(\$47,615)	\$3,521,441
FTE	43.00	42.00	1.00	43.00

Detail of House changes to the Senate version includes:

	RESTORE ATTORNEY POSITION 1	REDUCE SALARY FUNDING	REDUCE OPERATING EXPENSES	FUNDING SOURCE CHANGE	TOTAL HOUSE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	\$144,985	(\$150,000) ²			(\$5,015)
Operating expenses	7,400		(\$20,000) ³		(12,600)
Equipment					
Grants					
AML contractual services					
Total all funds	\$152,385	(\$150,000)	(\$20,000)	\$0	(\$17,615)
Less special funds				<u>30,000</u> ⁴	<u>30,000</u>
General fund	\$152,385	(\$150,000)	(\$20,000)	(\$30,000) ⁴	(\$47,615)
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

House changes narrative:

¹ Restores 1 FTE attorney position removed by the Senate.

² Reduces salaries and wages funding. The Public Service Commission may designate the specific areas to reduce within the salaries and wages line item.

³ Reduces operating expenses as follows:

Office supplies	(\$10,000)
Travel	(10,000)
Total	(\$20,000)

- ⁴ Provides for a funding source change of \$117,027 rather than the \$147,027 approved in the executive budget and the Senate version relating to increasing the general fund support for the Public Service Commission as a result of an anticipated reduction in federal administrative cost reimbursements.