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Senate Bill 276 (as introduced 4-19-23)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 3 of 1939, the Public Service Commission law, to prohibit an electric utility's integrated resource plan (IRP), beginning in 2030, from including a coal-fired electric generation facility and require the IRP to include a plan for retiring all such facilities.

Under the Act, each utility whose rates are regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) must file with the MPSC an IRP that provides a five-year, 10-year, and 15-year projection of the utility's load obligations and plans to meet those obligations. The IRP must provide a plan to meet the utility's generation reliability requirements and all applicable State and Federal reliability and environmental regulations over those time periods. In addition, the plan must include projections on energy purchased or produced by the electric utility from a renewable energy resource and details on the utility's energy waste reduction efforts, among other requirements.

Under the bill, beginning in 2030, an electric utility could not include a coal-fired electric generation facility in a plan. (Generally, an IRP must include the type of generation technology proposed for a generation facility contained in the plan and the proposed capacity of the generation facility, including the projected fuel costs, among other requirements.)

Additionally, the IRP would have to include plans for retiring any coal-fired electric generation facilities owned by that electric utility, by 2030.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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