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SENATE BILL NO. 366

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MCCREERY.

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 386, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public utilities employees' whistleblower protections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 386, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 386.381, to read as follows:

386.381. 1. The public service commission and Missouri office of the public counsel shall each designate counsel to stand as ombudsman who shall accept any complaint or information provided by a protected person who is an employee of a public utility, as defined in section 386.020. For purposes of this section, "protected person" means the same as in section 285.575.

8 2. Any information provided to the ombudsman under 9 this section pertaining to the identity of the protected 10 person shall be kept confidential and a closed record under 11 chapter 610.

3. Any information provided to the ombudsman
pertaining to a rate case shall be placed in an official
rate case file, but any information pertaining to the
identity of the protected person under this section shall be
redacted.

4. The public service commission and Missouri office
 of the public counsel shall each have the power to

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investigate or make an inquiry as to any act done or omitted
by a public utility pursuant to the provisions of this
chapter based on a complaint or information provided by a
protected person under this section.

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5. A protected person under this section shall have
the same remedies as a protected person under section
285.575.

26 6. The public service commission shall promulgate 27 rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 28 29 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with 30 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, 31 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 32 33 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with 34 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to 35 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 36 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 37 38 August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

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