

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 351

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

MOTOR VEHICLES: Requires electric cars and hybrid vehicles be charged by solar or wind energy

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 45:1622, relative to electric vehicle charging stations; to require  
3 wind and solar energy for electric vehicle charging; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 45:1622 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1622. Purpose; legislative intent

8 A. The Louisiana Legislature hereby finds it necessary and in the best  
9 interest of the state to promote rapid development of a statewide electric vehicle  
10 charging network by doing all of the following:

11 (1) Improving the quantity, quality, and variety of electric vehicle charging  
12 amenities and consumer experience services available in the state.

13 (2) Urging the Louisiana Public Service Commission to establish an electric  
14 vehicle charging rate structure that promotes long-term alternative fuel market  
15 competition by encouraging transparent pricing, more stable electricity costs,  
16 expanded investment opportunities in charging infrastructure, innovation, and a  
17 widespread implementation of publicly available fast charging, electric vehicle  
18 charging technology and equipment.

1                   (3) Urging the Louisiana Public Service Commission to explore excluding  
2           persons or corporations from the definition of public utility when all of the following  
3           occur:

4                   (a) Those persons or corporations purchase electricity from an electric public  
5           utility or a municipal electric utility.

6                   (b) Those persons or corporations furnish electricity exclusively to charge  
7           battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to or for the public for  
8           compensation.

9                   (c) Those persons or corporations do not otherwise operate as a public utility.

10                   B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, public electric  
11           vehicle charging facilities shall be powered by wind or solar energy and shall not be  
12           powered by carbon fuel based electricity.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for wind and solar energy for public electric vehicle charging facilities.

Present law provides for rapid development of a statewide electric vehicle charging network by improving access to electric vehicle charging amenities, urging the Public Service Commission to establish an electric vehicle charging rate structure, and urging the Public Service Commission to exclude certain persons or corporations from the definition of a public utility.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that public electric vehicle charging facilities be powered by wind or solar energy and not carbon fuel based electricity.

(Amends R.S. 45:1622)