



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 368**

130th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Lynch, Becker, Brenner, Cera, Thompson

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Permits a public utility that is an electric light company, a gas company, a natural gas company, or a water-works company to install a smart meter on a customer's premises if the company fulfills certain requirements.
  - Exempts meters whose communication capabilities will be used only for remote meter reading.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Installation of smart meters**

The bill permits a public utility that is an electric light company, a gas company, a natural gas company, or a water-works company to install a smart meter on a customer's premises, provided that the company does the following:

(1) Gives written notice to the customer, prior to installation, that includes the following: (a) a statement that the meter will be used for two-way communication between itself and the utility, (b) a description in plain language of the type of data the meter will collect from the customer and send to the utility, and (c) the customer's rights under divisions (2) and (3) below, and what steps the customer must take to exercise those rights;

(2) Allows a residential customer to choose not to have a smart meter installed, without incurring an additional monthly or other charge for this decision;

(3) Allows a residential customer to require removal of a previously installed smart meter for any reason at an agreed-upon time, without incurring any charge for such removal.<sup>1</sup>

The bill defines "smart meter" to mean an advanced metering infrastructure device with the capability for two-way communication between the device and a utility.<sup>2</sup>

## Exemptions

The bill does not apply to meters whose communication capabilities will be used only for remote meter reading.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	12-02-13

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4933.26(B) and 4933.27(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4933.26(A).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4933.27(B).

