

The Universal Service Carrier of Last Resort (CLR)

SUPPORT

SB 1386 Telecommunications Services/Universal Service

by Bennett (Compare [H 1323](#))

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Extends the date which requires each local exchange telecommunications company to furnish basic local exchange telecommunications service within a reasonable time period to any person requesting such service within the company's service territory from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2012. Extends the date for a transitional period, not to exceed January 1, 2012, etc.

Under Florida Statute **364.025 (1) Universal service Until January 1, 2009. each local exchange telecommunications company (LEC) shall be required to furnish basic local exchange telecommunications service within a reasonable time period to any person requesting such service within the company's service territory. (Footprint) (Quality service, just reliable service, in a reasonable timeframe.)**

- **ALL CLEC's, VOIP, and Mobile COMPANIES RIDE THE BACKBONE OF THE LEC's.**
- Without Carrier of Last Resort provisions in the Law you could be left with no telephone company willing to provide you with Plain Old Telephone (POT) service.

The Law now:

- The local exchange telecommunications company shall be the designated carrier of last resort for the consumer.
- WITHOUT the Carrier of Last Resort (CLR) in the Law, there is NO company that has to provide you with wire line telephone service.

Example:

If you go to a competitor telecommunications company for a, Plain Old Telephone (POT) wire line service they might not do business in the area. Then who do you go to for POT service.

- Wireless, mobile, cell, is much more expensive monthly, with the additional costs of upkeep on equipment, and useless during a storm.
- Competition in the cable industry has not fully evolved.

Economically;

No Development can do without phone service.

No BUSINESS can do without phone service.

No FAMILY should have to be without phone service.

No one amongst our elderly should have to be without phone service.

No internet speed.

- **KEEP** One company responsible for supplying service to all who ask for service. Renew the Carrier of Last Resort provision in the Law.
- Do not let the **Local Exchange Company (LEC)** say: SORRY NO SERVICE in your area.

It is the right of all citizens of the State of Florida to have access to basic local exchange telecommunications service: Quality service that is just in price, reliable, secure, and installed within a reasonable time period, no matter where in Florida they live.

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The Communications Workers of America Council of Florida

urges members of the Florida Legislature:

RENEW the Carrier of Last Resort (CLR) provisions in statute 364.025.

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