



## Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

*Virginia State Corporation Commission*

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### Senate Bill 497

**Version:** Senate Substitute 1

**Patron:** Perry

**Title:** Electric utilities; construction of certain transmission lines; priority of placement; work group; report.

**Summary as Passed Senate:** Provides that in the siting of new electric transmission facilities, it is the policy of the Commonwealth that existing linear infrastructure corridors shall be prioritized over new corridors. The bill directs the Department of Transportation to convene a work group to identify opportunities and develop recommendations to amend regulations and permitting processes to facilitate the expedient and efficient siting of new electrical transmission infrastructure in existing state highway rights-of-way.

**Effective Date(s):** July 1, 2026

**Amendment Necessary:**  Budget, Item ###  
 Technical, see *Technical Note* below  
 None

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#### *Fiscal Summary*

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

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#### *Fiscal Analysis*

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#### **Revenue**

None.

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#### **Expenditures**

None.

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#### **Change in FTE**

None.

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#### **Other Comments**

None.

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#### **Technical Note**

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