



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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House Bill 1491

Version: Enrolled

Patron: Singh

Title: Electric utilities; construction of certain electrical transmission lines; siting requirements.

Summary as Passed: Requires the State Corporation Commission, in order to approve the construction of an electrical transmission line of 138 kilovolts or more, to determine that the corridor or route chosen for the line will avoid or reasonably minimize adverse impact to the greatest extent reasonably practicable on dwelling houses. For overhead transmission lines of 500 kilovolts or more constructed by Dominion Energy Virginia, the bill directs the Commission to prioritize approving corridors or routes for construction for which the center is located further than 150 feet from any dwelling house, public or private school building, day care, or place of worship unless no other practicable alternative exists.

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

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

Fiscal Summary

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

None.

Expenditures

None.

Change in FTE

None.

Other Comments

None.

Technical Note

None.