

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Corporation Commission to analyze the implications of a requirement that it*
3 *consider imposing a condition, when requested by certain localities, that proposed electrical*
4 *transmission lines be installed underground.*

5 [S 783]

6 Approved

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8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 1. *§ 1. That the State Corporation Commission shall analyze the implications of a requirement that it*
10 *consider imposing a condition, when requested by certain localities, that proposed electrical*
11 *transmission lines be installed underground, as follows:*

12 *A. By January 1, 2006, the State Corporation Commission shall conduct an analysis of the effects on*
13 *all affected persons of an amendment to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia that would:*

14 *1. Require the Commission, when it considers the effects of an electrical transmission line to be*
15 *located in any city or county with a population of more than 225,000, based on the latest population*
16 *estimates of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia, to consider the*
17 *impact of such transmission line if it were to be located underground, if requested by the governing*
18 *body of the city or county;*

19 *2. Authorize the Commission, if it finds that underground location would minimize adverse*
20 *environmental impact and is otherwise in the public interest, to condition its approval of the electrical*
21 *transmission line upon the line being located underground; and*

22 *3. Require the Commission, if it approves the construction of the electrical transmission line without*
23 *imposing such a condition, to state, in its order approving the construction of the facility, its reason or*
24 *reasons for declining to impose such a condition.*

25 *B. The State Corporation Commission shall submit the results of its analysis to the Governor and to*
26 *the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor and the House Committee on Commerce*
27 *and Labor.*

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