

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 56-463 of the Code of Virginia, relating to contracts by telegraph and*
3 *telephone companies and cable operators for rights-of-way.*

4 [H 1649]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 56-463 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 56-463. Company may contract for right-of-way, etc.

9 Every ~~such~~ telegraph or telephone company and every cable operator that has a franchise to use the
10 public rights-of-way in a locality may contract with any person ~~or corporation~~, the owner of lands, or of
11 any interest, franchise, privilege, or easement therein or in respect thereto, over which such line is
12 proposed to be constructed, for the right-of-way for erecting, repairing, and preserving its poles and
13 other structures necessary for operating its line, and *in the case of telegraph or telephone companies*, for
14 sufficient land for the erection and occupation of offices at suitable distances along its line for the public
15 accommodation. *No such company or operator may be required by the Commission or other*
16 *governmental regulatory entity to accept any such interest, franchise, privilege, or easement that*
17 *restricts the services that may legally be offered by the company or operator.*

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