# **1996 SESSION**

**ENROLLED** 

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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact § 56-257 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public service companies;
manner of laying pipes.

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#### Approved

# 6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

### 7 1. That § 56-257 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

**8** § 56-257. Manner of laying pipes, etc.

9 Every corporation organized for any of the purposes enumerated in § 56-256, in laying any pipe or 10 conduit in any of the public roads in the counties, or in any of the public parks, streets, avenues, or alleys in the cities or towns of this Commonwealth, to be used for the purposes of such company, shall 11 12 lay the same at a distance of not less than three feet, if possible, from the outside of any water or gas 13 pipe, or other pipe or conduit, already laid, except in cases where it shall be necessary that such pipes or conduits shall cross any water or gas pipe, or other pipe or conduit, and in such cases the pipes or 14 conduits shall be at least twelve inches distant from the outside of any water or gas pipe, or other pipe 15 or conduit, already laid install such pipe or conduit with minimum clearance as may be specified by the 16 17 Commission but in no case to exceed three feet or, where said pipes or conduits cross, twelve inches from any other underground structure to allow proper maintenance and to protect against damage that 18 19 might result from proximity to other structures. 20 In addition to the requirements of this section, each pipe or conduit shall be installed with sufficient

clearance, or shall be insulated from any source of heat, so as to prevent the heat from impairing the

22 serviceability of the pipe or conduit.