

HOUSE BILL No. 2040

By Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

Requested by Lynn Retz, Executive Director of the Kansas Corporation
Commission

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1 AN ACT concerning the state corporation commission; relating to electric
2 transmission line siting permits; extending the time in which the
3 commission shall make a final order on an electric transmission line
4 siting application; amending K.S.A. 66-1,178 and repealing the existing
5 section.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 66-1,178 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-
9 1,178. (a) No electric utility may begin site preparation for or construction
10 of an electric transmission line, or exercise the right of eminent domain to
11 acquire any interest in land in connection with the site preparation for a
12 construction of any such line without first acquiring a siting permit from
13 the commission. Whenever any electric utility desires to obtain such a
14 permit, the utility shall file an application with the commission setting
15 forth therein that the utility proposes to construct an electric transmission
16 line and specifying:

17 (1) The proposed location thereof;

18 (2) the names and addresses of the landowners of record whose land
19 or interest therein is proposed to be acquired in connection with the
20 construction of or is located within 660 feet of the center line of the
21 easement where the line is proposed to be located; and

22 (3) such other information as may be required by the commission.

23 (b) Upon the filing of an application pursuant to subsection (a), the
24 commission shall fix a time for a public hearing on such application,
25 which shall be not more than 90 days after the date the application was
26 filed, to determine the necessity for and the reasonableness of the location
27 of the proposed electric transmission line. The commission shall fix the
28 place for hearing, which shall be in one of the counties through which the
29 electric transmission line is proposed to traverse.

30 (c) The commission may conduct an evidentiary hearing on an
31 application filed pursuant to this section at such time and place as the
32 commission deems appropriate.

33 (d) The commission shall issue a final order on the application within
34 ~~20~~ 180 days after the date the application was filed.

1 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 66-1,178 is hereby repealed.

2 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.