

HOUSE BILL No. 2181

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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1 AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to transmission lines and
2 easements.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Prior to the construction of any new high-voltage
6 electric transmission line in this state more than five miles from a
7 corporate city boundary, an electric utility shall obtain a right-of-way
8 easement of at least 200 feet in width for the entire length of the proposed
9 high-voltage electric transmission line.

10 (b) Expenses incurred by an electric utility in furtherance of this act
11 shall be deemed prudent except to the extent such costs are manifestly
12 and unquestionably unreasonable.

13 (c) The provisions of this act shall apply to the construction of new
14 high-voltage electric transmission lines begun after January 1, 2014.

15 (d) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Electric utility" means any public utility, as defined by K.S.A.
17 66-104, and amendments thereto, which owns, controls, operates or
18 manages any equipment, plant or generating machinery for the
19 production, transmission, delivery or furnishing of electricity or electric
20 power; and

21 (2) "high-voltage electric transmission line" means any line or
22 extension of a line which is at least five miles in length and which is used
23 for the bulk transfer of electrical power and energy with an operating
24 voltage of 300 kilovolts or higher.

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