

**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 ~~120~~ 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~~ ***Kansas register***.