

Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

HB 405 — Linear Facilities

by Reps. Williamson and Payne (SB 494 by Senator Lee)

This bill amends the exemptions from the land-use-consistency provisions of the Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA) and Transmission Line Siting Act (TLSA) to provide that they apply to established rights-of-way and corridors, to rights-of-way and corridors yet to be established, and to the creation of distribution and transmission corridors. The bill establishes the standard to be used in authorizing variances in a site certification under the PPSA and the TLSA. Finally, the bill provides that the PPSA and TLSA cannot affect in any way the Public Service Commission's exclusive jurisdiction to require transmission lines to be located underground.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 34-4; House 105-2