

HOUSE BILL 1186

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By: **Delegate Charkoudian**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Companies – Annual Report on Votes Cast at Meetings of**
3 **Regional Transmission Organizations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public service company that is a member of a regional
5 transmission organization to submit to the Public Service Commission on or before
6 a certain date an annual report on votes cast by the public service company at a
7 meeting of the regional transmission organization; and generally relating to annual
8 reports submitted by a public service company to the Public Service Commission.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Utilities

11 Section 5–306

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 **5–306.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION” MEANS**
19 **AN ENTITY THAT QUALIFIES AS A REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION UNDER**
20 **18 C.F.R. § 35.34.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES THAT**
2 **ARE MEMBERS OF A REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.**

3 **(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 EACH YEAR, EACH PUBLIC SERVICE**
4 **COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION A REPORT OF ANY RECORDED VOTE**
5 **CAST BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY AT A MEETING OF A REGIONAL**
6 **TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR**
7 **YEAR.**

8 **(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:**

9 **(I) ALL VOTES CAST BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY,**
10 **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE VOTE IS DISCLOSED BY THE REGIONAL**
11 **TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION; AND**

12 **(II) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION EXPLAINING HOW EACH VOTE CAST**
13 **BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.