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HOUSE BILL NO. 2401

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REDMON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 523.262, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to eminent domain by utility entities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 523.262, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 523.262, to read as follows:

523.262. 1. Except as set forth in subsection 2 of this section, the power of eminent domain shall only be vested in governmental bodies or agencies whose governing body is elected or whose governing body is appointed by elected officials or in an urban redevelopment corporation operating pursuant to a redevelopment agreement with the municipality for a particular redevelopment area, which agreement was executed prior to or on December 31, 2006.

2. A private utility company, public utility, rural electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, pipeline, railroad or common carrier shall have the power of eminent domain as may be granted pursuant to the provisions of other sections of the revised statutes of Missouri, **except such power shall not extend to a private utility for the construction of merchant lines.** For the purposes of this section, the term "common carrier" shall not include motor carriers, contract carriers, or express companies. Where a condemnation by such an entity results in a displaced person, as defined in section 523.200, the provisions of subsections 3 and 6 to 10 of section 523.205 shall apply unless the condemning entity is subject to the relocation assistance provisions of the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance Act. **For purposes of this section, "merchant line" means a high-voltage direct current electric transmission line which does not provide for the erection of electric substations at intervals of less than fifty miles, which**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **substations are necessary to accommodate both the purchase and sale to persons located**
18 **in this state of electricity generated or transmitted by the entity.**

19 3. Any entity with the power of eminent domain and pursuing the acquisition of property
20 for the purpose of constructing a power generation facility after December 31, 2006, after
21 providing notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the facility is to be
22 constructed, shall conduct a public meeting disclosing the purpose of the proposed facility prior
23 to making any offer to purchase property in pursuit thereof or, alternatively, shall provide the
24 property owner with notification of the identity of the condemning authority and the proposed
25 purpose for which the condemned property shall be used at the time of making the initial offer.

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