

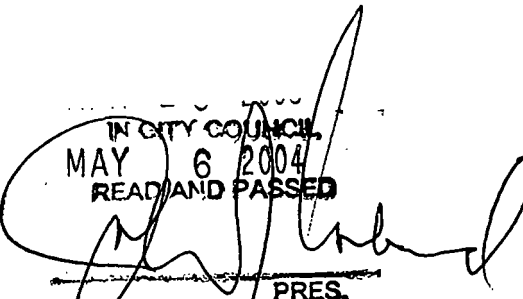
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 196

Approved May 14, 2004

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council  
hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2004-H  
8105 and Senate Bill 2004-S 2919, Relative to Health and Safety – High Voltage  
Lines.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 6 2004  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
Michael B. Clement  
CLERK

APPROVED  
  
5/14/04

MAYOR

IN CITY COUNCIL  
APR 1 2004  
FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGISLATION  
Richard K. Christ CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGISLATION  
Recommends Approval  
Claire E. Burt CLERK  
April 21, 2004

Councilman Legal

2004 -- H 8105

LC02414

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND****IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY****JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2004****A N A C T**  
**RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGH VOLTAGE LINES****Introduced By:** Representatives Moura, Ajello, Rose, Savage, and Dennigan**Date Introduced:** February 24, 2004**Referred To:** House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1-1 SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety" is hereby  
1-2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

1-3

**CHAPTER 77**

1-4

**HIGH VOLTAGE LINE SAFETY ACT**

1-5 **23-77-1. Legislative findings.** – The general assembly hereby finds and declares that  
1-6 sufficient scientific information exists to suggest that adverse health effects are associated with  
1-7 electromagnetic fields as generated by high voltage power transmission lines.

1-8 **23-77-2. Construction or relocation of high voltage lines.** – (a) The construction or  
1-9 relocation of all above ground high voltage power transmission lines 69kV cumulative or greater,  
1-10 including any new, modified, upgraded or relocated transmission line, is hereby prohibited within  
1-11 the state. This prohibition shall not apply to the burial of new high voltage power transmission  
1-12 lines where the effects of electromagnetic fields have been eliminated at the edge of the rights-of-  
1-13 way.

1-14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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**EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF**

**A N A C T  
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGH VOLTAGE LINES**

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2-2        power transmission lines 69kV cumulative or greater within the state.  
2-3        This act would take effect upon passage.

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2004 -- S 2919

LC02550**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND****IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY****JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2004**

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**A N A C T**  
**RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH VOLTAGE LINES****Introduced By:** Senators DaPonte, Perry, Ciccone, Damiani, and Ruggerio**Date Introduced:** February 11, 2004**Referred To:** Senate Financial, Technology, Regulatory

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## Claire Bestwick

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**From:** david@votesegal.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2004 4:27 PM  
**To:** Claire Bestwick; Anna Stetson  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: bill info for city council rez



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Hi-

I'm going to talk to the leadership about taking these off-the-docket on Thursday. If that doesn't work, I'd like to introduce them for the meeting on the 15th.

Thanks.

David

----- Forwarded message from Davidpriley@aol.com -----

Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2004 16:20:52 EST  
From: Davidpriley@aol.com  
Reply-To: Davidpriley@aol.com  
Subject: Re: bill info for city council rez  
To: david@votesegal.com

David,

Great idea! Here's the info. It'd be great if you can get it done before the hearing. Thanks, David

### SUMMARY OF FOUR BILLS ON BURIAL OF POWER LINES

H 8012 & S 2884 -- require the Siting Bd to seek regional funding before approving project that affect the regional grid

H 8054 & S 2870 -- allow municipalities to sue for damages if the utility's delay of a proposal precludes considering other alternative such as burial. Damages will include legal fees & must be pd by the utility itself, not by ratepayers.

H 8105 & S 2919 -- bury all new power lines (identical to bill that passed both houses in '94 relating to E. Greenwich line, but vetoed by Gov. Sundlun as part of a deal to move that line away from upscale homes)

H 8130 & S 2869 -- require burial for any line that would cross 1) significant natural resources, 2) public assets like rivers, parks & recreational areas, or 3) areas w/ significant economic development potential.

In a message dated 3/29/2004 3:47:35 PM Eastern Standard Time, david@votesegal.com writes:  
get me the bill numbers, senate and house sides, and we'll introduce resolutions in support.

----- End forwarded message -----