

HOUSE BILL 494

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy – Municipal Electric**
3 **Utilities**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of a municipal electric utility’s renewable
5 energy portfolio standard that must be derived from solar energy; and generally
6 relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Public Utilities
9 Section 1–101(a) and (r)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Public Utilities
14 Section 7–703(e)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Utilities**

20 1–101.

21 (a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (r) “Municipal electric utility” means a municipal corporation, or a division of a
23 municipal corporation, that is in the business of transmitting or distributing electricity for
24 purposes other than end use by the municipal corporation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7-703.

2 (e) The required percentage of an electric cooperative's **OR A MUNICIPAL**
3 **ELECTRIC UTILITY'S** renewable energy portfolio standard derived from solar energy shall
4 be 2.5% in 2020 and later.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
6 1, 2020.