

SENATE BILL 37

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CF HB 121

By: **Senator Hester**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Companies – Regional Transmission Organizations – Report**
3 **(Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain electric company to submit an annual report to the
5 Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company
6 and any affiliate of the electric company at a meeting of a regional transmission
7 organization; and generally relating to electric companies and regional transmission
8 organizations.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Utilities
11 Section 7–108
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 **7–108.**

18 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
19 **INDICATED.**

20 **(2) “AFFILIATE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7–501 OF THIS**
21 **TITLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “MEETING” MEANS ANY COMMITTEE, USER GROUP, TASK FORCE,**
2 **OR OTHER PART OF THE REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION IN WHICH VOTES**
3 **ARE TAKEN.**

4 **(4) “RECORDED VOTE” MEANS A VOTE THAT IS TABULATED, EITHER**
5 **INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A SECTOR, FOR ANY PURPOSE AT A MEETING,**
6 **REGARDLESS OF:**

7 **(I) WHETHER THE VOTE REPRESENTS A FINAL POSITION OF**
8 **ANY PERSON CASTING THE VOTE; OR**

9 **(II) THE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY OF THOSE VOTING.**

10 **(5) “REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION” MEANS AN ENTITY**
11 **THAT QUALIFIES AS A REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION UNDER 18 C.F.R. §**
12 **35.34.**

13 **(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY.**

14 **(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 EACH YEAR, EACH ELECTRIC**
15 **COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION A REPORT ON EACH RECORDED VOTE**
16 **CAST BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY OR, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
17 **SUBSECTION, AN AFFILIATE OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY AT A MEETING OF A**
18 **REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING**
19 **CALENDAR YEAR.**

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

21 **(I) ALL RECORDED VOTES CAST BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY,**
22 **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE VOTE IS OTHERWISE DISCLOSED; AND**

23 **(II) ALL VOTES CAST BY AN AFFILIATE OF THE ELECTRIC**
24 **COMPANY IF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY ITSELF DOES NOT VOTE ON THE MATTER.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2025.