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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND  
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(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 140)

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Vote: Ayes 98 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 50 Nays 0  
Approved May 2, 1997

A BILL FOR

1 An Act eliminating notice requirements relating to the location  
2 of certain electric transmission lines, wires, or cables.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 552

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2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 If the transmission line, wire, or cable is capable of  
4 operating only at an electric voltage of less than thirty-four  
5 and one-half kilovolts, no franchise is required. However,  
6 the utilities board shall retain jurisdiction over all such  
7 lines, wires, or cables ~~and shall prescribe the contents of a~~  
8 ~~written notice and map to be timely provided to the board and~~  
9 ~~affected parties including owners of electric supply lines~~  
10 ~~located within six tenths of one mile of proposed construction~~  
11 ~~of such lines, wires or cables.~~ A person who seeks to  
12 construct, erect, maintain or operate a transmission line,  
13 wire, or cable which will operate at an electric voltage of  
14 less than thirty-four and one-half kilovolts outside of cities  
15 and which cannot secure the necessary voluntary easements to  
16 do so may petition the board pursuant to section 478.3,  
17 subsection 1, for a franchise granting authority for such  
18 construction, erection, maintenance, or operation, and for the  
19 use of the right of eminent domain.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill strikes the language directing the utilities  
22 board to prescribe the contents of a written notice and map to  
23 be filed with the board and certain other individuals  
24 regarding the location of construction of a proposed electric  
25 transmission line, wire, or cable. This requirement currently  
26 applies to a transmission line, wire, or cable which is  
27 capable of operating only at an electric voltage of less than  
28 34.5 kilovolts. Under the bill, this notice and map would no  
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AN ACT

ELIMINATING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE LOCATION OF CERTAIN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES, WIRES, OR CABLES.

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RON J. CORBETT  
Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 552, Seventy-seventh General Assembly.

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ELIZABETH ISAACSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 2, 1997

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor