

~~SEC. 2.~~ *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in Montgomery County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of the Act concerning the salary of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in Montgomery County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SEC. 3. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 23, 1971.

CHAPTER 63

(Senate Bill 240)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 54A of Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Public Service Commission Law," subtitle "Public Service Companies," subheading "Gas and Electric Companies," to define the word "construction" under the law which requires an electric utility to obtain a Public Service Commission permit for construction of stations or lines.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 54A of Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Public Service Commission Law," subtitle "Public Service Companies," subheading "Gas and Electric Companies," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

54A.

No electric company may begin the construction in Maryland of a generating station or any overhead transmission line designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts, or exercise the right of eminent domain in connection therewith, without having first obtained from the Commission a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of the station or line. The Commission shall hold a public hearing on each application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in the area in which any portion of the construction of a generating station or an overhead transmission line designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts is proposed to be located, together with the local governing bodies of each such area, unless any governing body wishes not to participate in the hearing. The Commission shall take final action only after due consideration of the recommendations of such governing bodies, the need to meet present and future demands for service, effect on system stability and reliability, economics, esthetics, historic sites, aviation safety as determined by the State Aviation Commission and the ~~administration~~ ADMINISTRATOR of the Federal Aviation