

to meet with the municipalities within the county to discuss tax differential; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Department of Fiscal Services is directed to conduct an annual review on the progress of counties in establishing tax differentials and to report their findings at the close of each fiscal year to the Legislative Policy Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Steny Hoyer, President of the Senate, and the Honorable John H. Eriscoe, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved May 16, 1978.

No. 32

(House Joint Resolution 39)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

High Voltage Transmission Lines

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Acting Governor appoint a Commission to explore the public health risks of residing near high voltage power transmission corridors; to assess the impact to property values of routing overhead transmission corridors through residential communities and to examine the benefits and costs of placing high voltage lines underground in populated areas.

WHEREAS, The electromagnetic field strengths at corridor boundaries of some high voltage overhead power transmission lines approach the field strengths reported by some investigators to cause biological changes under laboratory conditions; and

WHEREAS, The want of definitive data on the risk to public health associated with long term exposure to corridor boundary fields has prompted the federal government to support ongoing scientific studies; and

WHEREAS, The possibility of natural disasters involving high voltage power transmission lines is believed to be an immediate danger to life and property; and

WHEREAS, Uncertainty regarding health risks and their perceived effect on property values is a cause of concern for residents bordering existing and proposed high voltage power corridors; and