



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB2722

Introduced 10/28/2025, by Sen. Bill Cunningham

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 32/5
220 ILCS 32/15

Amends the Electric Transmission Systems Construction Standards Act. Provides that "construction contractor" means any non-utility entity (rather than any entity) responsible for the construction, installation, maintenance, or repair of electric transmission systems subject to this Act. Excludes from the definition of "electric transmission systems" facilities not functionally classified as transmission systems. Makes changes to the definition of "utility". Provides that all construction contractors (rather than all utilities and construction contractors) responsible for the construction, installation, maintenance, or repair of electric transmission systems shall pay employees performing the construction, installation, maintenance, or repair work of such systems wages and benefits consistent with the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that, to ensure safety and reliability in the construction, installation, maintenance, and repair of electric transmission systems, each construction contractor (rather than each electric utility and construction contractor) must demonstrate the competence of their employees.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Electric Transmission Systems Construction
5 Standards Act is amended by changing Sections 5 and 15 as
6 follows:

7 (220 ILCS 32/5)

8 Sec. 5. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act:

9 "Commission" means the Illinois Commerce Commission.

10 "Construction contractor" means any non-utility entity
11 responsible for the construction, installation, maintenance,
12 or repair of electric transmission systems subject to this
13 Act.

14 "Electric transmission systems" means an electrical
15 transmission system designed and constructed with the
16 capability of being safely and reliably energized at 69
17 kilovolts or more, including transmission lines, transmission
18 towers, conductors, insulators, foundations, grounding
19 systems, access roads, and all associated transmission
20 facilities, including transmission substations. "Electric
21 transmission systems" does not include projects located on the
22 electric generating facility's side of the facility's point of
23 interconnection or facilities not functionally classified as

1 transmission systems, regardless of voltage.

2 "OSHA" means Occupational Safety and Health
3 Administration.

4 "Utility" means a utility that serves customers and that
5 meets the definition of "public utility" ~~has the meaning given~~
6 ~~to that term~~ in Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 103-1066, eff. 2-20-25.)

8 (220 ILCS 32/15)

9 Sec. 15. Requirements for construction contractors.

10 (a) Prevailing wage compliance. All ~~utilities and~~
11 construction contractors responsible for the construction,
12 installation, maintenance, or repair of electric transmission
13 systems shall pay employees performing the construction,
14 installation, maintenance, or repair work of such systems
15 wages and benefits consistent with the Prevailing Wage Act.

16 (b) Training and competence requirement. To ensure safety
17 and reliability in the construction, installation,
18 maintenance, and repair of electric transmission systems, each
19 ~~electric utility and~~ construction contractor must demonstrate
20 the competence of their employees who are performing the work
21 of construction, installation, maintenance, or repair of
22 electric transmission systems, which shall be consistent with
23 the standards required by Illinois utilities as of January 1,
24 2007, or greater. Competence must include, at a minimum: (1)
25 completion, or active participation with ultimate completion,

1 in an accredited or recognized apprenticeship program for the
2 relevant craft, trade, or skill; or (2) a minimum of 2 years of
3 direct employment in the specific work function.

4 The Commission shall oversee compliance to ensure
5 employees meet these standards.

6 (c) Safety training. All employees engaged in the
7 construction, installation, maintenance, or repair of electric
8 transmission systems must successfully complete OSHA-certified
9 safety training required for their specific roles on the
10 project site.

11 (d) Diversity Plan.

12 (1) All construction contractors engaged in the
13 construction, installation, maintenance, or repair of
14 electric transmission systems shall develop a Diversity
15 Plan that sets forth:

16 (A) the goals for apprenticeship hours to be
17 performed by minorities and women;

18 (B) the goals for total hours to be performed by
19 underrepresented minorities and women; and

20 (C) spending for women-owned, minority-owned,
21 veteran-owned, and small business enterprises in the
22 previous calendar year.

23 (2) These goals shall be expressed as a percentage of
24 the total work performed by the construction contractor
25 submitting the plan and the actual spending for all
26 women-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small

1 business enterprises shall also be expressed as a
2 percentage of the total work performed by the construction
3 contractor submitting the Diversity Plan.

4 (3) For purposes of the Diversity Plan, minorities and
5 women shall have the same definition as defined in the
6 Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons
7 with Disabilities Act.

8 (4) The construction contractor shall submit the
9 Diversity Plan to the Commission.

10 (Source: P.A. 103-1066, eff. 2-20-25.)