

HB 527 -- EMINENT DOMAIN FOR UTILITY PURPOSES (Haffner)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Judiciary

This bill specifies that, before the Public Service Commission (PSC) issues an approval for a merchant line, an entity, defined in the bill, must provide the PSC with a resolution of support passed by the county commission in each county through which the merchant line will be built. The bill specifies that no entity has the power of eminent domain for the purposes of constructing merchant lines. This restriction will not apply to any rural electric cooperatives or any electrical corporation operating under a cooperative business plan.