HOUSE BILL NO. 120

INTRODUCED BY MASON, STANFORD, HAYNE, KELLER, TASH, WINSLOW

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JANUARY 8, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 14, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 15, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
JANUARY 16, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
JANUARY 18, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 96; NOES, 1.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.
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JANUARY 20, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 2, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 3, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
FEBRUARY 4, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 47; NOES, 0.
FEBRUARY 5, 1993	RETURNED TO HOUSE.
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FEBRUARY 5, 1993	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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12	cooperatives or corporations;
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14	lessee, or otherwise acquire and to own, hold, use, equip,
15	maintain, and operate and sell, assign, transfer, convey,
16	exchange, lease as lessor, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise
17	dispose of or encumber electric transmission and
18	distribution lines or systems, electric generating plants,
19	electric refrigeration plants, telephone lines, facilities
20	or systems (but not telegraph or radio broadcasting services
21	or facilities) as defined by law, lands, buildings,
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 - (7) borrow money and otherwise contract indebtedness and issue notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness therefor and secure the payment thereof of indebtedness by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or any other encumbrance upon any-or all of its then owned or after-acquired real or personal property, assets, franchises, revenues, or income;
 - (8) construct, maintain, and operate electric transmission and distribution lines or telephone, cable television, or broadband lines, facilities, or systems along, upon, under, and across all public thoroughfares, including without limitation all roads, highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and causeways and upon, under, and across all publicly owned lands, subject, however, to the same requirements in respect of the use of such the thoroughfares and lands as are imposed by the respective authorities having jurisdiction thereof of them upon corporations constructing or operating electric transmission and distribution lines or systems or telephone lines,

- 1 (9) exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner 2 provided by the laws of this state for the exercise of that 3 power by corporations constructing or operating electric 4 transmission and distribution lines or systems or telephone
- 6 (10) conduct its business and exercise any-or all of its
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- 9 (12) in the case of corporations organized under the 10 provisions of 35-18-105(1):
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 15 subdivisions, and to other persons not in excess of 10% of
 16 the number of its members;
 - (b) make loans to persons to whom electric energy is or will be supplied by the cooperative for the purpose of and otherwise to assist such those persons in wiring their premises and installing therein in their premises electrical and plumbing fixtures, appliances, apparatus, and equipment of any—and all kinds and character and, in connection therewith with electrical and plumbing fixtures, purchase, acquire, lease, sell, distribute, install, and repair such the electrical and plumbing fixtures, appliances, apparatus,

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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