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HB895

Status: Acts of Assembly Chapter

Electric utilities; energy storage requirements, Department of Energy to develop model ordinance.

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Introduced by: Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. (Chief Patron)

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Electric utilities; energy storage resources; Department of Energy to develop model ordinances; State Corporation Commission to conduct technology demonstration program.

Increases the targets for energy storage capacity that Appalachian Power and Dominion Energy Virginia are required to petition the State Corporation Commission (the Commission) for approval to construct, acquire, or procure and extends the time frame by which such capacity must be met. Under the bill, (i) Appalachian Power shall petition the Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure at least 780 megawatts of short-duration energy storage capacity by 2040 and 520 megawatts of long-duration energy storage capacity by 2045 and (ii) Dominion Energy Virginia shall petition the Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure at least 16,000 megawatts of short-duration energy storage capacity by 2045 and 4,000 megawatts of long-duration energy storage capacity by 2045. "Long-duration energy storage" and "short-duration energy storage" are defined in the bill. Under the bill, the Commission shall approve an independent auditor to help develop criteria for and to help review requests for proposals for new energy storage resources. The bill requires the Commission to conduct a technology demonstration program for long-duration energy storage resources and initiate a proceeding to determine if such technology is viable and that the targets in the bill are reasonably achievable, for which a final order shall be entered no later than March 1, 2031. Certain provisions of the bill are only effective upon such determination by the Commission.

The bill requires the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Fire Programs, to develop model ordinances suggested for use by localities in their regulation of energy storage projects by December 1, 2026. The bill directs the Commission to initiate a technical conference by September 1, 2026, to evaluate safety standards and practices for energy storage development. The bill also includes a provision authorizing the Commission to evaluate energy storage project

proposals during annual petitions filed for the development of new renewable generation capacity. This bill is identical to SB 448.

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History

Date			Collapse All
4/13/2026	Governor	Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0694) Chaptered PDF	
4/13/2026	Governor	Approved by Governor - Chapter 694 (effective - see bill)	
4/2/2026	House	Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895) Enrolled PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)	
3/31/2026	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	
3/31/2026	House	Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on March 31, 2026 Enrolled PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)	
3/31/2026	House	Signed by Speaker	
3/30/2026	Senate	Signed by President	
3/30/2026	House	Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB895ER) Enrolled PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)	
3/30/2026	House	Enrolled	
3/11/2026	House	Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895) S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)	
3/11/2026	House	Senate substitute agreed to by House (68-Y 30-N 0-A) Vote S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)	

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3/10/2026	Senate	Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A) Vote S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
3/10/2026	Senate	Engrossed by Senate - S-Commerce and Labor committee substitute S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
3/10/2026	Senate	S-Commerce and Labor committee Substitute agreed to S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
3/10/2026	Senate	Read third time
3/9/2026	Senate	Passed by for the day Block Vote (Voice Vote)
3/9/2026	Senate	Constitutional reading dispensed Block Vote (on 2nd reading) (40-Y 0-N 0-A) Vote
3/9/2026	Senate	Rules suspended
3/6/2026	Senate	Reported from S-Finance and Appropriations committee (10-Y 4-N) Vote S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
3/3/2026	Senate	S-Commerce and Labor committee substitute printed 26108942D-S1 S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
3/2/2026	Senate	Reported from S-Commerce and Labor committee with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 5-N) Vote S-Commerce and Labor Substitute (26108942D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
3/2/2026	Senate	S-Commerce and Labor committee substitute offered S-Commerce and Labor Substitute PDF
2/18/2026	Senate	Referred to Committee on S-Commerce and Labor
2/18/2026	Senate	Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading)

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2/17/2026	House	Read third time and passed House (65-Y 32-N 0-A) Vote H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
2/16/2026	House	Engrossed by House - H-Labor and Commerce committee substitute H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
2/16/2026	House	H-Labor and Commerce committee substitute agreed to H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
2/16/2026	House	Read second time
2/13/2026	House	Read first time
2/13/2026	House	Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895) H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
2/11/2026	House	Reported from H-Appropriations committee (17-Y 5-N) Vote H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
2/11/2026	House	Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 1-N) Vote H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
2/11/2026	House	Assigned H-APP sub: Commerce Agriculture & Natural Resources
2/10/2026	House	Reported from H-Labor and Commerce committee with substitute and referred to Appropriations (17-Y 5-N) Vote H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)
2/10/2026	House	H-Labor and Commerce committee substitute printed 26107210D-H1 H-Labor and Commerce Substitute (26107210D) PDF Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)

2/9/2026	House	Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB895)	
		H-Subcommittee #3 Subcommittee Substitute (26107210D)	PDF
2/5/2026	House	H-LC Subcommittee #3 recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (6-Y 2-N)	
		Vote H-Subcommittee #3 Subcommittee Substitute (26107210D)	PDF
2/5/2026	House	H-LC Subcommittee #3 substitute offered	
		H-Labor and Commerce Substitute	PDF
1/22/2026	House	Assigned HCL sub: Subcommittee #3	
1/13/2026	House	Referred to Committee on H-Labor and Commerce	
1/13/2026	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-14-2026 26104780D	
		Introduced PDF	
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