



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2241

telecommunications services; public records; exemption

NOW: telecommunications infrastructure; records; nondisclosure

Sponsor: Representative Stevens

DPA/SE Committee on Technology and Infrastructure

DPA Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2241 prohibits disclosure of records relating to construction of wireline telecommunications infrastructure by cities, towns and counties.

HISTORY

Title 39, Chapter 1, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) requires that certain documents relating to public activities and transactions be maintained as public records. Statute requires that public records be maintained and disclosed to interested members of the public according to specified standards.

Public services corporations provide essential utilities to the public, including electricity, gas, water, and telecommunications. Permits and other records pertaining to the construction and location of telecommunications service lines are often kept by the cities, towns and counties in which such lines are constructed.

PROVISIONS

- Prohibits disclosure, by a city, town or county, of any records containing wireline telecommunications construction information or the location of lines, equipment and plants used for telecommunications services on or along public streets or highways.
- Provides an exception to the disclosure prohibition which includes:
 - Disclosing as part of a bid, design, or construction process for a capital project.
 - Providing information of the availability of telecommunications services for economic purposes.
 - Providing general information on construction activity to residents.