



## Legislation Summary

### An Act relative to enhancing reliability of renewable resources in the Commonwealth

Bill number: [S.2155](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Julian Cyr

#### Purpose of the bill:

S2155 relates to promotion of wind energy by amending state law (SL 2008: 169) to:

- require energy distributors to solicit proposals for energy storage;
- require the Department of Energy Resources and distributors to jointly propose a timetable;
- set a target for gigawatt capacity;
- set procedures for soliciting/declining proposals;
- require ongoing solicitations until gigawatt capacity target is reached;
- create a selection committee and describe membership criteria;
- require an independent evaluator of bids;
- require distributor and winning bidder co-operation.

#### **The League's Position** *Statement of Position on Climate Change Policy, as announced by the National Board, January 2019:*

"The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet. The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision, at all levels—local, state, regional, national, and global."