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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document   **No. 187**

H. P. 114   House of Representatives, January 12, 1981
    Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Davies of Orono, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jacques of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Abolish the Present Structure of the Public Utilities Commission.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA § 6-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 697, § 2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA § 1, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 390, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The Public Utilities Commission, as heretofore established, shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities and to confirmation by the Legislature from time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several members, for terms of 5 years. Commission members are entitled to $25 per day for each day they are performing duties under this Title.

Sec. 3. Appointment process. On the effective date of this Act, the terms of the present members of the Public Utilities Commission shall expire. The Governor shall appoint 7 new members. Of these initial appointments, 2 shall be for one year, 2 for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years and one for 5 years.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the structure of the Public Utilities Commission from 3 to 7 members. Members would have 5-year terms and would be paid a per diem rather than a salary.