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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "B " to H.P. 1578, L.D. 1673, Bill, "AN ACT to Create the Public Advocate to Represent the Interests of Utility Customers."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the fiscal note the following:

'Sec. 7. Noncompeting measure. It is the intent of the Legislature that this Act not be interpreted as a competing measure, within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, with "AN ACT to Create the Maine Energy Commission," an initiated bill which will be submitted to the voters in November, 1981. It is the further intent of the Legislature that this measure not be subject to referendum as a competing measure with that bill.

Statement of Fact

This amendment emphasizes that the bill is not intended to be a competing measure to be placed on the ballot with Initiated Bill 1, Legislative Document 522, which is scheduled for submission to the voters in referendum in November, 1981.

This amendment is added on the advice of the Office of the Attorney General, as stated in its opinion of June 8, 1981, which noted that the existence of the repeal provision could be read as reflecting the intent that the bill be a substitute for the

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initiated legislation, Legislative Document 522. That opinion recommended that the Legislature clearly indicate whether or not Legislative Document 1673 is intended to be placed on the ballot as an alternative to Legislative Document 522.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trotzky'.

(Sen. Trotzky)

NAME:

COUNTY: Penobscot

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