

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STATE
EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL ENERGY CONSERVATION
PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of the people of Maine are dependent on electricity; and

WHEREAS, a major electrical energy shortage could be caused by fuel shortages, weather problems, international events, break-down of major generating facilities or other causes; and

WHEREAS, the State does not have an official emergency electrical energy conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the electric utilities of the State are tied into a regional power grid; including the New England Electric Power Pool (NEPool) and other entities; and

WHEREAS, any effective electrical energy conservation plan must be coordinated with a New England-wide plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Members of the 110th Legislature now assembled in Second Regular Session declare that the Public Utilities Commission, with the assistance of the Office of Energy Resources and the Public Advocate, and after consultation with the electric utilities within the State, the New England Electric Power Pool, and the agencies which regulate electric utilities in the other New England States and New Brunswick shall, by March 1, 1982, make recommendations to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over public utilities on the best mechanism for developing a state or regional emergency electric energy conservation plan on or before January 1, 1983; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over public utilities, after public hearing, shall report to the Legislature, on or before March 31, 1982, such legislation as necessary to implement the emergency electric planning process; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution shall be printed and made available to the Office of Energy Resources, the Public Advocate, and each electric utility within the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolution is to start a planning process which will result in an emergency electrical energy conservation plan for the State or the region. The Public Utilities Commission is required to report by March 1st, to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over public utilities which is to report by March 31st, to the Legislature any legislation necessary to implement the planning process.

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