

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
2

3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
4

5 Legislative Document

No. 83

6
7 H.P. 79

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested
9 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Freeport.

Cosponsors: Representative Weymouth of West Gardiner, Representative
11 Kiesman of Fryeburg and Senator Kany of Kennebec.

12 STATE OF MAINE
13

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
16

17 AN ACT to Include the Public Advocate
18 as a Member of the Energy
19 Resources Advisory Board.
20

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

23 5 MRSA §5007, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by
24 PL 1979, c. 652, is amended to read:

25 2. Membership. The State Energy Resources Advi-
26 sory Board shall consist of the following: One member
27 of the House of Representatives to be appointed by
28 the Speaker of the House and to serve a term of 4
29 years; one member of the Senate to be appointed by
30 the President of the Senate and to serve a term of 4
31 years; the Public Advocate and one representative of
32 the Public Utilities Commission and with those Legis-
33 lators to serve ex officio; and 6 members to be
34 appointed by the Governor, the members to be selected

1 on the basis of their interest, education and experi-
2 ence in the areas of energy planning, research and
3 development. The members appointed by the Governor
4 shall serve 4-year terms except those first appointed
5 who shall serve terms as follows: One representative
6 of industry to serve a term of 2 years; one repre-
7 sentative of labor to serve a term of 3 years; one
8 representative of the academic community to serve a
9 term of 3 years; one representative of the business
10 community to serve a term of 4 years; and 2 repre-
11 sentatives of the general public, one to serve a term
12 of 2 years, the other to serve a term of 4 years.

13

STATEMENT OF FACT

14 At the time the Energy Resources Advisory Board
15 (ERAB) was established to advise the Director of the
16 Office of Energy Resources, the Public Advocate did
17 not exist. Since its inception slightly more than a
18 year ago, the Public Advocate has become visibly and
19 deeply involved in utility-related energy matters.
20 The Public Advocate is a gubernatorially appointed,
21 high-ranking state official and, when appropriate
22 works closely with the Office of Energy Resources.
23 For these reasons, it is a logical step to include
24 the Public Advocate on the Energy Resources Advisory
25 Board as this proposal would accomplish.

26

0047112382