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	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
•	Legislative Document No. 1008
	H.P. 779 House of Representatives, March 3, 1983
	Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
	Presented by Representative Gauvreau of Lewiston.  Cosponsors: Representative Michaud of E. Millinocket and Representative Hayden of Durham.
	STATE OF MAINE
	IN MILE VEND OF OUR LORD
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
	AN ACT to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct a Study on the Costs of Electrical Space Heating in Residential Units.
	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
	35 MRSA §97 is enacted to read:
	§97. Electrical space heating
	The Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a
	study on the costs of electrical space heating in
,	residential units.
	The Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a
	study of the short-term costs and long-range costs
	of electrical space heating in residential dwellings
	units in order to:

- 1. Electrical demand. Identify the current share of residential electrical demand in the State which is attributable to electrical space heating in rental, single and multifamily housing;
  - 2. Trends in demand. Identify pertinent trends in the demand for residential electrical space heating in the State in recent years;
  - 3. Cost of capacity. Estimate the costs of additional generating capacity needed to supply residential space heating requirements for the next 5, 10 and 15 years on the basis of current trends;
- 4. Formulate recommendations. Formulate recommendations to the Legislature for methods, as appropriate, for reducing the costs to ratepayers, utilities and tenants resulting from electrical space heating; and
- 5. Additional study. Study such other matters relating to electrical space heating as may be appropriate.
- This study shall be completed and presented to the Legislature on or before January 1, 1984.

## 22 STATEMENT OF FACT

 This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to generate pertinent information and recommendations for the Legislature to consider, or for the Public Utilities Commission to adopt under its statutory authority. It addresses the long-range problems for electrical generating capacity costs which result from increased reliance on electrical space heating in the residential sector.

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