

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2025**

offer service. The commission shall encourage entities based in this State that are not otherwise either a standard-offer service provider or its affiliate to participate in supplying cost-effective demand response or energy efficiency pursuant to this subsection.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-C**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

**4-C. Authority to establish various contract lengths and terms.** For the purpose of providing over a reasonable time period the lowest price for standard-offer service to residential and small commercial customers, the commission, with respect to residential and small commercial standard-offer service, may, in addition to incorporating cost-effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy efficiency pursuant to subsection 4-B and to the extent authorized in section 3210-C, incorporating the energy portion of any contracts entered into pursuant to section 3210-C, establish various standard-offer service contract lengths and terms.

**Sec. 3. Public Utilities Commission; time-of-use rates updates.** The Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters that describes the process for participation in a commission proceeding and includes any other relevant information as determined by the commission:

1. Upon issuance of a report, if a report is issued, in Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 2024-00231; and

2. Prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212.

If the Public Utilities Commission submits a report in accordance with subsection 2 prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service, the report must include a description of how the Public Utilities Commission will consider the potential effects of time-of-use rates on the types of residential customers described in section 4.

**Sec. 4. Considerations; time-of-use rates proceeding.** In an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212, the Public Utilities Commission shall consider the impact of time-of-use rates and seek to avoid negative impacts of time-of-use rates on:

1. Residential customers who rely on life support systems;

2. Residential customers who receive assistance from the State due to a medical condition and are participants in Central Maine Power's Electricity Lifeline

Program or Versant Power's LifeLight Program or successor programs;

3. Residential customers who are senior citizens; and

4. Economically vulnerable residential customers.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 197

### S.P. 108 - L.D. 242

#### An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1311, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

B. If the proceeds of an issue of bonds are used in whole or in part to fund temporary notes, the period during which the issue of bonds ~~shall be~~ is outstanding plus the period of the loan represented by the temporary notes or renewals ~~shall~~ may not exceed ~~25~~ 30 years.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1490, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

B. If the proceeds of an issue of bonds are used in whole or in part to fund temporary notes, the period during which the issue of bonds is outstanding plus the period of the loan represented by the temporary notes or renewal notes may not exceed ~~25~~ 30 years.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 198

### H.P. 201 - L.D. 301

#### An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Use Quantitative Metrics and Rate- adjustment Mechanisms in a Proceeding for a General Rate Increase

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §307, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. General increase in rates; rate-adjustment mechanisms; quantitative metrics.** The commission