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669 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE EAGLE LAKE WATER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES J. Martin ENACT. P&S 7 (OTP)

SUMMARY: Changes from appointed trustees with a 3 year term to elected trustees with a 5 year term.

712 RESOLVE, TO AUTHORIZE A POLE AND TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT ON CHOKECHERRY ISLAND AND MATTANAWCOOK ISLAND AND A PORTION OF THE PENOBSCOT RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT MacEachern Pearson ENACT. RES 24 (OTP)

SUMMARY: Authorizes the Governor to negotiate and grant a 100 foot wide easement to Bangor Hydro for a pole line crossing the Penobscot River at Chokecherry Island near Lincoln. The line has existed since 1931.

713 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC POWER COMPANIES TO AMORTIZE THE COST OF DISCONNECTED MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHT FIXTURES Theriault Charette Carroll Allen LV/WD

SUMMARY: Would have allowed a municipality that disconnects a street light to pay back the electrical company over its remaining useful life instead of a lump sum as at present.

833 AN ACT RELATING TO COST OF ELECTRIC POWER PROMOTIONS Michael L. Brown J. Mitchell W. Diamond CNTP

SUMMARY: Was intended to make sure that any promotional advertising by electric utilities states the full cost of the electric power advertised, including any hidden costs.

857 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF CONSUMER INTERVENTION BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Baker LV/WD

SUMMARY: Would have provided funding for intervenors before the PUC, if the PUC decides that they would present a point of view which is necessary, and which would not otherwise be presented, and that the intervenors cannot afford the cost. Funding would come from an assessment on the utilities, not to exceed \$100,000 per year.