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STATE OF MAINE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC UTILITIES
BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
1895	AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PROHIBITION ON PRESCRIPTIVE POLE AND WIRE EASEMENTS TO PUBLIC WAYS	Baldacci Vose Weymouth Paradis,E.	PL 1983, C. 605 OTP

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies the definition of which improvements cannot be made the subject of a prescriptive easement when located in the public way. It would permit prescriptive easements for improvements on property other than that located in the public way.

1896	AN ACT TO INCLUDE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IN THE STATUTORY METHOD FOR CALCULATION OF STATUTORY TIME PERIODS	Baldacci Matthews,Z. Paradis,E. Roderick	PL 1983, C. 606 OTP
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SUMMARY: This bill would clarify that PUC statutory deadlines are to be calculated according to the same rules that apply to court cases.

1903	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SUSPENSION POWERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OVER AFFILIATED INTEREST CONTRACTS	Ridley Weymouth Robinson	PL 1983, C. 604 OTP
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SUMMARY: The bill would remove the requirement of a public hearing when the PUC extends the period of suspension of a utility contract with an affiliated interest pending PUC approval. It also increases the maximum period of time for PUC consideration from 90 to 120 days.

1906	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF RADIO COMMON CARRIER FRANCHISES	McGowan Bost Baldacci	PL 1983, C. 609 OTP
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SUMMARY: Under present law no public utility may provide service in an area where another public utility is authorized to provide that service unless the PUC, usually after hearing, finds that the public convenience and necessity require it. The bill provides an expedited procedure for the special case of transfer of the license of a telephone company that is solely a radio common carrier.

1909	AN ACT TO CONFORM THE SAFETY JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OVER GAS UTILITIES TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS	Baker Handy McGowan Kany	PL 1983, C. 617 OTP
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SUMMARY: Federal gas safety regulations apply to liquid petroleum gas systems that serve 10 or more customers or are located in a public place. The bill gives PUC the same jurisdiction under Maine law.