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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES BILL SUMMARY



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LD: 629 EMERGENCY ND:

AN ACT RELATING TO MEASURED LOCAL TELEPHONE

CHARGES

JOSEPH BAKER H MATTHEWS Z

MARTIN J

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

CH #

SUMMARY:

The bill orders PUC to conduct a formal investigation of local measured service, including: costs and savings to all classes of customers and the telephone company and the effects of LMS on customers. The PUC order initiating LMS is nullified, and LMS is prohibited until July 1, 1986. Any new PUC order would be based on the investigation.

This is one of nine bills withdrawn in favor of

committee and PUC study. (See LD1011).

LD: 707 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE YORK

ROLDE

SEWER DISTRICT

ND:

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED

P AND S CH #57

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SUMMARY:

The bill adds to the charter language nearly identical to the Sanitary District Enabling Act (38 MRSA c. 11, §§1303-1206) authorizing assessment of abutters, whether or not they are connected, for up to 1/2 the cost of construction of a sewage system. Appeal is to Superior court just as for the laying out of town ways (23 MRSA §3029). Unpaid Assessments create a lien on the property. Action may be brought to execute the lien, with enforcement by the sale of the property as in the case of tax liens. Or, civil action may be brought to collect the assessment. The bill does not contain a referendum.

The committee amendment (H-471) replaces the entire bill and consolidates and updates the entire charter of the York Sewer District, which was first enacted in 1951 The charter is conformed to the statutory requirements for sewer districts from Title 38, and it is conformed in most respects to the model charter for sanitary districts in the Enabling Act. The primary difference is that storm and surface water is excluded here. A local referendum is required for approval.