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### STATE OF MAINE

### ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 977 EMERGENCY ND:

AN ACT TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEMS PENDING FURTHER STUDY CLARK H BEAULIEU STEVENS P

LU-WD

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SUMMARY:

The bill orders study of the feasibility, reasonableness and cost of mandatory local measured service. The study would be conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities, with a report to the 1st Regular Session of the 112th Legislature, local measured service is prohibited until July

This is one of nine bills withdrawn in favor of committee

and PUC study. (See LD1011).

ID: 995

AN ACT CONCERNING WINTER TERMINATION OF WATER UTILITY SERVICE

ROTONDT HEPBURN

ND:

RICHARD WEBSTER C

LV-WD

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SUMMARY:

The bill requires that PUC apply the rules on winter disconnection of utility service equally to water as well as electric and gas utilities. Present law allows PUC discretion, and present PUC Rules (chapter 81) only apply to electric and gas utilities. The policy applies to the period November 15 - April 15 for low income people. It requires establishment of a special payment arrangement and prohibits disconnection unless the PUC determines that the eligible customer has rejected or failed to comply with the arrangement.