

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 452

H. P. 343 House of Representatives, January 28, 1971
Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk
Presented by Mr. Marsh of Hampden (by request).

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Right of Eminent Domain by Electric Power Companies.

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

R. S., T. 35, § 2306, amended. The first paragraph of section 2306 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 382 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

Corporations organized under section 2301 and corporations chartered by special Acts of the Legislature or cooperatives organized under chapters 221 to 227 for the purpose of making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying electricity for lighting, heating or other public purposes are authorized and empowered to take and hold by right of eminent domain such lands and easements as may be necessary for the proper location of their transmission and distribution lines which are designed to carry voltages of ~~5,000~~ 110 volts or more and of necessary appurtenances thereto, located within the territory in which said corporations are authorized to do a public utility business, in the same manner and under the same conditions as set forth in chapter 263.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In several locations in the State, camp or cottage owners cannot get electricity because the adjacent landowner will not grant an easement to the utility for a distribution line and the line would be carrying less than 5,000 volts.