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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Make Public Utilities Commissioners Full Time.

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

R. S., T. 35, § 1, amended. The first sentence of section 1 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The Public Utilities Commission, as heretofore established, shall consist of 3 members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, from time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several members, for terms of 7 years **and all 3 members of the commission shall devote full time to their duties.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Public Utilities Commission presently has 3 members only one of whom, the chairman, is required to devote full time to his job. In recent years the Public Utilities Commission has had an increased work load with many cases making it increasingly difficult to handle expeditiously the public's business. In order to provide greater access to the commission by consumers, this bill requires that all 3 commissioners devote full time to their duties.