

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1968

H. P. 1809

House of Representatives, January 19, 1976

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Prohibit Public Utilities from Including Certain Political
Advertising Material along with Customer Bills.**

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

35 MRSA § 106 is enacted to read:

§ 106. Inclusion of certain political advertising material
along with customer bills prohibited

No public utility shall include with any bill for services or commodities furnished any customer or subscriber any advertising or literature designed or intended to promote the passage or defeat of a measure appearing on the ballot at any election whether local, statewide or national, to promote or defeat any candidate for nomination or election to any public office, to promote or defeat the appointment of any person to any administrative or executive position in local, State or Federal Government or to promote or defeat any change in local, state or federal legislation or regulations.

The commission may determine any question of fact arising under this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits any public utility from including along with customer bills any material which promotes or opposes certain measures voted on in

local, state or national elections, which promotes or opposes any candidate for public office, which promotes or opposes the appointment of any administrative or executive official or which promotes or opposes any change in local, state or federal regulations.