

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 132**

S. P. 59

In Senate, January 20, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cummings of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Concerning Witness Fees Under the Public Utility Regulatory  
Statute.**

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

35 MRSA § 300, 1st sentence, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Each witness who shall appear before the commission by its order shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in the Superior Court, except that this provision shall not apply to the employees, officers, directors, trustees and holders of more than 10% of the common stock of a public utility which is the subject of the commission proceeding. The fees shall be audited and paid by the State in the same manner as other state expenses are audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers approved by the commission.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to relieve the State of the responsibility of paying witness fees to utility employees, officers, directors, trustees and certain stockholders when the Public Utilities Commission orders them to appear before the commission.