

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 165**

H. P. 131

House of Representatives, January 26, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Clarifying the One-year Period Between Public Utilities Rate Cases.**

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

35 MRSA § 295, 2nd and 3rd sentences are repealed and the following enacted in their places:

**Within one year of any commission order authorizing a rate change, no public utility shall file for a further rate change pursuant to sections 64 and 298 or any other provision of chapters 1 to 17 without the written consent of the Commission.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the existing statute on 2 points:  
1. That it was the Legislature's intention that there be a one-year period between the ending of one utility rate case and the commencement of another thereafter; and 2. That the one-year period apply to all rate cases notwithstanding the procedure to initiate the case.