

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 189

S. P. 81 In Senate, January 27, 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.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Public Utilities Commission Declarations of Public Convenience and Necessity Required by Statute.

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

35 MRSA § 2303, as amended by PL 1967, c. 382, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

The Public Utilities Commission, in its discretion, may make a declaration without public hearing, if it appears the utility serving or authorized to serve, the utility seeking consent from the commission to provide service and the customer or customers to receive service agree that the utility seeking consent to serve should provide service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make the Revised Statutes, Title 35, section 2302, public convenience and necessity hearings, discretionary with the Public Utilities Commission where the parties to a case are in substantial agreement.