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No. 648

H. P. 526

House of Representatives, February 20, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield.

Cosponsor: Mr. Dexter of Kingfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Make it Mandatory for Utilities to Notify Fire Chiefs and Municipal Officers when they Increase the Voltage through a Municipality.

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

35 MRSA § 2494 is enacted to read:

§ 2494. Notice of certain voltage increases

Whenever any electric company, as defined in section 15, subsection 5, determines it will permanently increase the voltage capacity of any transmission or distribution line or lines by an amount greater than 10,000 volts beyond the peak voltage in the line or lines, it shall notify the municipal officers and fire chief or head fire official of the town or city in which the line or lines are located of the proposed increase. The notification referred to herein shall be in writing, shall specify the location of the lines affected, present voltage capacity of the lines, the voltage capacity of the lines after the proposed increase and shall be issued to the municipal officers and the fire chief or head fire official at least 5 days in advance of the proposed increase. This section shall apply regardless of whether the proposed increase will occur by upgrading the capacity in existing transmission or distribution lines or by replacement of the existing lines.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires notice to municipal officers by electric utilities of certain increases in the voltage of power lines.