

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1092

H. P. 895

House of Representatives, March 8, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Establish a Filing Fee for Public Utilities Seeking to Change their Rates.

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

35 MRSA § 64 is amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs to read:

Within 30 days of the notice of a change in rates the utility shall pay to the commission a filing fee in an amount equal to .05% of the utility's gross receipts subject to the jurisdiction of the commission in the fiscal year last preceding that notice.

This filing fee may be waived by the commission if the commission determines that the proposed change in rates does not significantly increase the total revenues to be generated and will not require public hearing.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a filing fee for utilities which file for a change in rates before the Public Utilities Commission. The fee is set at .05% of the utilities gross receipts for the previous year. This revenue will help the Public Utilities Commission better investigate and act upon the many petitions for rate increases which come before it.