

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1692**

S. P. 653

Office of the Secretary of the Senate

The Committee on Public Utilities suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Devoe of Penobscot

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT to Provide Individual Staff Assistants for Members of the Public Utilities Commission.**

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

**35 MRSA § 1, first ¶**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 390, is further amended by inserting before the last sentence the following new sentence:

**Each commissioner shall be entitled to appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, one staff assistant to serve at his pleasure during his term of office.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide each commissioner with the option of employing a staff assistant during the course of his term in office. This will provide an assistant to a commissioner in whom he has confidence, and preclude reliance on staffers appointed by a majority of the commissioners.