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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 57

S. P. 48

In Senate, January 6, 1981

Reference to the Committee on Public Utilities suggested.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

Cosponsor: Senator Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Relieve Public Housing Authorities from Excessive Utility Charges.

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

30 MRSA § 4658 is enacted to read:

§ 4658. Utility charges for multi-unit dwellings

In order that the electric utility charges paid by an authority shall be kept to a minimum, any public utility which provides electrical service to a multi-unit dwelling owned or operated by a housing authority shall base its charges for electrical service upon the number of meters serving the dwelling and not on the number of residential units within the dwelling. The Public Utilities Commission, in approving a minimum customer charge in any electric utility rate proceeding, shall permit only a single minimum customer charge to be made per meter with respect to residential dwellings owned or operated by a housing authority.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to relieve public housing authorities from excessive utility charges by providing that public housing authorities shall be required to pay only one minimum customer charge per meter.