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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 593

H. P. 527

House of Representatives, February 3, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

Cosponsor: Representative Boisvert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Filing Requirements for Utility Rate Changes.

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

35 MRSA § 64 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The commission may, in its discretion, require the filing of information relating to the changes to be filed at the same time as the schedules are filed. The commission may require utilities whose gross revenues exceed \$5,000,000 annually to notify the commission not more than 3 months in advance of filing under this section that such a filing is planned and to disclose sufficient basic information with respect to the nature of the planned filing to enable the commission to determine the general scope of the work that may be required for it to investigate the propriety of the proposed change or changes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would permit the Public Utilities Commission to obtain information about rate changes as early as possible in order to expedite the procession of such changes within the constraints of existing statutory time limits.