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1 (Governor's Bill)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 1855

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8 H. P. 1861 House of Representatives, January 20, 1982
Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Davies of
Orono, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concur-
rence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

9 Presented by Representative Connolly of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative Reeves of Pittston, Representative
Kiesman of Fryeburg and Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

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11 **STATE OF MAINE**
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13 **IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**
14 **NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO**
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16 **AN ACT to Provide for Improved Energy**
17 **Policy Development Including the**
18 **Preparation of an Annual Electricity**
19 **Demand Forecast.**
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

22 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §5004, sub-§3, ¶C, as repealed and**
23 **replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, §1, is amended to read:**

24 **C. Be assisted by the New England Power Pool and by**
25 **departments, agencies, authorities, boards, commissions**
26 **and other instrumentalities of State Government in the**
27 **gathering of information, reports and data which relate**
28 **to state planning and development in the area of energy**
29 **resources;**

30 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §5004, sub-§3, ¶I, as repealed and**
31 **replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, §1, is amended to read:**

1 I. Be responsible for the formulation of a comprehensive
2 state energy resources plan and a state energy
3 policy. an annual energy report and biennial energy
4 resources plan;

5 Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §5004, sub-§4, last sentence, as
6 repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, §1, is amended to
7 read:

8 The annual report shall include, but is not limited to, the
9 following: The programs developed and implemented by the
10 Office of Energy Resources, the stage of development of the
11 programs, the stage of implementation of the State Energy
12 Resources Plan and the direction of programs planned for the
13 ensuing year.

14 Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §5005, sub-§1, 1A, as repealed and
15 replaced by PL 1979, c. 388, §1, is repealed and the follow-
16 ing enacted in its place:

17 A. Prepare an annual energy report for the Governor
18 and the Legislature by January 15th of each year.

19 (1) The report shall include:

20 (a) A description of historical energy
21 demand by end use sector and energy resources
22 used to met that demand; and

23 (b) A forecast of energy demand by end use
24 sector for the next 5, 10, 15 and 20 years,
25 including an electricity demand forecast and
26 the unit cost of the resources that may be
27 utilized to meet that demand. A description
28 of the assumptions upon which the forecasts
29 are based and the probability of error shall
30 also be provided.

31 (2) To the extent possible the Office of Energy
32 Resources shall use existing data sources. When
33 more accurate or additional information is neces-
34 sary, the director may collect data from energy
35 producers and suppliers in the State. Any indi-
36 vidual, corporation or utility that produces or
37 supplies energy in the State shall provide reason-
38 able information and data requested by the direc-
39 tor to accomplish this task. Upon the request of
40 an individual, corporation or utility, the direc-
41 tor shall afford confidential treatment to all

1 information and data provided by that individual,
2 corporation or utility. The director shall con-
3 sider any energy demand forecast, including the
4 facilities necessary to meet the demand, submitted
5 by a utility for its service area.

6 (3) The director shall hold a public hearing on
7 the report prior to submission to the Governor and
8 the Legislature. A copy of the report shall also
9 be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission
10 and the commission shall consider the electricity
11 demand forecast in all relevant proceedings;

12 **Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §5005, sub-§1, ¶B, as repealed and**
13 **replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, §2, is repealed and the follow-**
14 **ing enacted in its place:**

15 B. Prepare an energy resources plan to be submitted to
16 the Governor and the Legislature by January 15, 1983,
17 and every 2 years thereafter.

18 (1) The plan shall include:

19 (a) A report on the progress of implementing
20 the last energy resources plan;

21 (b) A summary of the current energy use as
22 described in paragraph A;

23 (c) A description and quantification of
24 potentially available energy resources for
25 use in the State; and

26 (d) Recommendations for energy policy,
27 including specific recommendations for state
28 action necessary to implement this policy.
29 The recommendations shall include proposals
30 concerning the types and quantity of
31 resources that will meet energy demand as
32 forecasted in paragraph A in the most desir-
33 able and feasible manner. Preference shall
34 be given to conservation and renewable
35 resources where they are technically and eco-
36 nomically feasible.

37 (2) The director shall hold a public hearing on
38 the plan prior to submission to the Governor and
39 the Legislature.

