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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1043
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7 H.P. 803

House of Representatives, March 4, 1983

8 Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 On Motion of Representative Vose of Eastport, referred to the Committee
on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Baker of Portland.

11 Cosponsors: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot and Representative Hayden of
Durham.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Retain Jurisdiction over
18 Telephone Directory Revenues.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 35 MRSA §15, sub-§20 is amended to read:

23 20. Telephone line. "Telephone line" includes
24 all conduits, ducts, poles, wires, cables, instru-
25 ments and appliances and all other real estate, fix-
26 tures and personal property, including alphabetical
27 or classified directories, owned, controlled, oper-
28 ated or managed in connection with or to facilitate
29 communication by telephone, whether ~~such~~ that commu-
30 nication is had with or without the use of transmis-
31 sion wires.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill clarifies recent questions as to
3 whether the Public Utilities Commission retains
4 jurisdiction over the revenues produced by the direc-
5 tory operations of telephone companies. Telephone
6 directories, both alphabetical and classified, are a
7 public service and are, therefore, a part of the
8 normal operations of a telephone company. In calcu-
9 lating the cost of telephone service, the commission
10 has historically considered the revenues, expenses
11 and net operating income of the classified advertis-
12 ing directory (yellow pages) operations of each com-
13 pany. In doing so, the commission's primary concern
14 is that a telephone company obtain maximum revenue
15 from its advertising operations, so that the amount
16 of revenue to be obtained from basic local telephone
17 service may be reduced as much as possible.

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