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1 (New Draft of H.P. 421, L.D. 504)
2 (New Title)

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

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9 H.P. 943

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11 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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19 AN ACT Limiting the Cost of Local Pay
20 Telephone Calls.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 35 MRSA §106 is enacted to read:

25 §106. Telephone charges for local calls

26 The rate charged by any telephone company for a
27 local telephone call made from a public or semipublic
28 pay telephone shall be the same throughout its ser-
29 vice territory for calls of equal duration.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The new draft requires equity in the cost of
3 local telephone calls, by requiring that the same
4 rate be charged by any telephone company throughout
5 its service territory. For example, pay phones in 5
6 Maine communities charge on a time basis; the initial
7 charge only covers the first 5 minutes, and 10¢ more
8 is charged for each additional 3 minutes. In other
9 communities in the service territory of the same
10 telephone company, there is only an initial charge.
11 This is discriminatory. This new draft requires
12 equal treatment.

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