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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 2028

H.P. 1437 House of Representatives, February 13, 1986
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator Kany of Kennebec, Representative Vose of
Eastport and Representative Boutilier of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Place in the Unclassified Service 3
Utility Accountant III Positions at
the Public Utilities Commission.**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §931, sub-§1, ¶J, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 481, Pt. A, §9, is amended to read:

J. Staff attorney, financial analyst and, chief utility accountant and utility accountant III positions at the Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §1, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 481, Pt. A, §65, is further amended to read:

The salaries of the other subordinate officials and employees of that commission, other than those of the general counsel, the Administrative Director, the director of finance and, the director of technical

1 analysis, and the staff attorney, financial analyst
2 and, chief utility accountant and utility accountant
3 III positions, shall be subject to the Personnel Law.
4 The general counsel, the Administrative Director, the
5 Director of Finance and the Director of Technical
6 Analysis shall serve at the pleasure of the commis-
7 sion and their salaries shall be set by the commis-
8 sion within the range established by Title 2, section
9 6-A. After successful completion of a probationary
10 period, the employees occupying the staff attorney,
11 financial analyst and, chief utility accountant and
12 utility accountant III positions may be dismissed,
13 suspended or otherwise disciplined only for cause.
14 The compensation of the staff attorney, financial an-
15 alyst and, chief utility accountant and utility ac-
16 countant III positions shall be fixed by the commis-
17 sion with the approval of the Governor, but the com-
18 pensations shall not in the aggregate exceed the to-
19 tal amount appropriated or allocated in the commis-
20 sion's budget. The commissioners and all employees
21 shall receive actual expenses when traveling on offi-
22 cial business.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill places in the unclassified service 3
25 utility accountant III positions at the Public Utili-
26 ties Commission. Like the commission's staff attor-
27 neys, financial analysts and chief utility account-
28 tant, which are now in the unclassified service, the
29 utility accountant III positions are high level, pol-
30 icy-making positions that are unique in State Govern-
31 ment. The commission has had difficulty in recruit-
32 ing and retaining an adequate number of qualified
33 people for these positions. Placing these positions
34 in the unclassified service gives the commission an
35 effective tool to recruit and retain qualified per-
36 sonnel, reduce consultant costs and assure the public
37 interest is fairly represented in proceedings before
38 the commission.

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