

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative  
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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Referred to the Committee on Utilities and ordered printed  
pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative VOSE of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide a Definition of Small  
Electric Utilities.

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

6 35-A MRSA §111, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141,  
7 Pt. A, §6, is amended by adding at the end a new  
8 paragraph to read:

9 In proposing any rule intended to apply to  
10 electric utilities, the commission shall state if the

1 proposed rule would impose a disproportionate cost on  
2 small electric utilities. For the purpose of this  
3 section, "small electric utility" means an electric  
4 utility with total assets less than \$40,000,000.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 It has proven desirable occasionally to adopt  
7 rules which avoid imposing a disproportionately heavy  
8 regulatory burden on small electric utilities.  
9 However, these utilities have never been defined in  
10 the law. In addition, the bill requires that the  
11 commission take note of possible disproportionate  
12 effects when proposing rules.

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