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No. 176

S.P. 75

In Senate, January 26, 1993

**An Act Regarding the Removal of Public Utility Commission
Commissioners.**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUTHER of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representatives CLEMENT of Clinton, COFFMAN of Old Town, GRAY of
Sedgwick, LEMKE of Westbrook.

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

4 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §105-A is enacted to read:

6 §105-A. Removal

8 A commissioner may be removed from office by an affirmative
10 vote of 2/3 of the elected members of the House of
12 Representatives. The instrument removing a commissioner from
14 office may be introduced in the House of Representatives in the
16 same manner as a bill and may be considered by the House of
18 Representatives in the same manner as a bill, provided that the
20 House of Representatives may approve the measure only in the
22 manner specified in this section. The instrument removing a
24 commissioner is titled "A Removal of a Commissioner of the Public
26 Utilities Commission For Reasons Specified by Vote of the Members
28 of the House of Representatives" and must specify the name of the
commissioner to be removed and the basis for the removal. Unless
otherwise specified in the instrument, the commissioner named in
the instrument is removed from office immediately upon approval
of the instrument as provided in this section.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill provides that a commissioner of the Public
28 Utilities Commission may be removed by an affirmative vote of 2/3
of the elected members of the House of Representatives.