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No. 1119

S.P. 362

In Senate, April 1, 1993

An Act to Deregulate Consumer-owned Electric Utilities.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities 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 PARADIS of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and
Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, VOSE of Washington, Representative: MARTIN of
Van Buren.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3506 is enacted to read:

6 §3506. Substitution for commission

8 1. Board authorized to act as commission. If a
10 consumer-owned electric utility is governed by a board composed
12 of at least 3 members who are elected by the customers or voters
14 within its service area, that board may, at its option, exercise
16 the powers of the commission under this Title and any other
18 provision of law. A decision to exercise the commission's power
20 and authority must be for whole calendar years.

22 2. Payment of assessment not required. For any calendar
24 year in which the board of a consumer-owned electric utility
26 exercises the option described in subsection 1, the utility is
28 not required to pay the assessment for the support of the
30 commission or of the Public Advocate as prescribed in this Title.

32 3. Rules. The board of any consumer-owned electric utility
may adopt the rules adopted by the commission with respect to
electric utilities or any part of those rules as part of its own
terms and conditions of service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows consumer-owned electric utilities with
elected boards to substitute control by those boards for Public
Utilities Commission jurisdiction and to be relieved of payment
of the regulatory assessment.