

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1239

House of Representatives, January 10, 1994

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**An Act to Permit Electric Utilities Greater Flexibility in Adjusting  
Electric Utility Prices to Meet Changing Market Conditions.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TAYLOR of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: CLARK of Millinocket, Senators: BUTLAND of Cumberland,  
DUTREMBLE of York, KIEFFER of Aroostook, VOSE of Washington.



2 pending the commission's investigation of the rate. This bill  
3 continues to require the utility to provide a 30-day notice of  
4 the change in the rate schedule before the rate schedule becomes  
5 effective, but precludes the suspension of a rate when the rate  
6 constitutes a reduction from a rate otherwise available to a  
7 utility customer for similar services, although the commission  
8 may continue to investigate the rate. This provision allows a  
9 utility to lower rates expeditiously. The commission may require  
10 the utility to modify or discontinue the rate if the commission  
11 finds, after investigation, that the rate does not result in  
12 rates lower than otherwise available for all customer classes.

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14 This bill permits the same procedure for contracts of a  
15 definite term entered into between an electric utility and a  
16 customer if the contract varies the rates for electric service  
17 otherwise available to such a customer for service of a similar  
18 character. If, within the 30 days, the commission disapproves  
19 the contract, the contract will not become effective. Under  
20 current law, the commission must approve the contract before it  
21 becomes effective. There is no time limit on the commission's  
22 review of the contract.

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27 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
28 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
29 amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.  
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