

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1996

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Legislative Document

No. 1816

S.P. 713

In Senate, February 29, 1996

**An Act to Create Uniformity in the Granting of Electric and Gas Utility Easements.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4505, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

6 5. Location within 300 feet of an inhabited dwelling. A  
8 natural gas pipeline may not take by eminent domain lands or  
10 rights in lands or easements located within 300 feet of an  
12 inhabited dwelling.

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 This bill prohibits natural gas pipelines from taking by eminent domain lands or rights in lands or easements located within 300 feet of an inhabited dwelling. This language is modelled on a similar prohibition on the exercise of eminent domain by electric utilities.