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An Act to Repeal Registration Requirements of Cable Television Franchise Agreements and the Filing of Wage Rates and Benefits.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representative: BUMPS of China.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA 308, sub- 2 and 3, as amended by PL 1997, c. 757, 757, 7, are further amended to read:

Certified copies. A copy of any determination made at the request of the public authority must be certified by the director and filed immediately with the public authority and-with the-Secretary-of-State. Copies must be supplied by the bureau to all persons requesting same within 10 days after the filing.

12 3. Appeal. Any person affected by the determination of the director, whether or not that person participated in the proceedings resulting in the determination, may appeal to the 14 commissioner from that determination by filing a written notice 16 with the commissioner stating the specific grounds of that person's objection within 10 days from the filing of the copy of 18 the determination with the Seeretary-of-State public authority. The commissioner shall hold a hearing on the appeal, pursuant to 20 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter IV, within 20 days from the receipt of notice of appeal. The hearing by the commissioner 22 must be held in Augusta. The commissioner has the authority to affirm, reverse or amend the determination of the director. The commissioner shall render a decision within 10 days after the 24 conclusion of the hearing.

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Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3010, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 352, is repealed.

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## SUMMARY

32 This bill eliminates the registration requirements of cable television franchise agreements and the requirement that 34 determination of wage rates and benefits be filed with the Secretary of State.