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Minority

L.D. 882
(Filing No. H-285)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 601, L.D. 882, Bill, "An Act To Ensure That Telephone Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Ensure That Telephone Utility Reorganizations Advance the Information Access Goals of the State'

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 by striking out subparagraphs (1) and (2) (page 2, lines 6 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

(1) Must find that the proposal will advance the information access goals of the State as set forth in section 7101, subsection 4;

(2) Must find that the reorganization does not result in changes that would adversely affect safety, reliability or quality of service; and'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report, removes the requirement that economic development goals must be advanced in order for the Public Utilities Commission to approve a reorganization involving a telephone utility with gross annual state revenues greater than \$50,000,000. This amendment also requires a broader finding by the commission that the reorganization does not result in changes that would adversely affect safety, reliability or quality of service, unlike in the bill, which requires a finding that the reorganization would not result in changes that would adversely affect safety, reliability or quality of service as it pertains to the location and the accessibility of the telephone utility's management and operations or to the proportion and number of the telephone utility's employees who reside in the State.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/29/15 *MAC*

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An Act To Ensure That Telephone Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission from considering additional requirements before approving a reorganization in which any of the parties are public telephone utilities having gross annual state revenues exceeding \$50,000,000 are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.