

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 22, 2017

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### **An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.  
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and  
Representatives: Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOLDEN of  
Lewiston, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to establish a task force to examine the cost of the delivery of  
6 electricity to homes and businesses in this State and the factors that may cause this cost to  
7 rise, including, but not limited to, requests by electric utilities for rate increases, the  
8 recovery of costs incurred by electric utilities for recent storm restoration efforts and the  
9 possibility that ratepayers in this State may be required to pay a portion of the cost for  
10 new transmission lines to meet the demand for power in Massachusetts.

11 The task force would include among its members representatives of consumers,  
12 producers, electric utilities, the Governor's Energy Office, the Public Utilities  
13 Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate and Legislators. The task force  
14 would report its findings, including a proactive and comprehensive approach to protect  
15 residents and businesses in this State from rising electricity costs, to the Governor and the  
16 Legislature.