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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

\mathbf{HOUSE}

NO. 187

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Allan of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT amendatory of and additional to section 22, chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to the annual closing of accounts and filing of balance sheets by public utilities.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-two, chapter fifty-five of the 2 revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 22. The accounts of all public utilities shall be

- 2 closed annually on the thirty-first day of December, unless
- 3 a different date is fixed by the public utilities commission,
- 4 and a balance-sheet of that date, or of the date so fixed,
- 5 promptly taken therefrom. Within two months after said

6 date, or the date so fixed, such balance-sheet together with 7 such other information as the commission shall prescribe, 8 verified by an officer or owner of the public utility, shall 9 be filed with the commission, provided, however, that said 10 commission may by general order extend said time not extend one month.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the thirty-first day 2 of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, 3 and require a report as of that date for the year then end-4 ing, notwithstanding a portion of that year may have been 5 included in any annual report made, or required to be made, 6 under the aforesaid section of the revised statutes. But 7 the commission may require any classes of utilities, as de-8 fined in section fifteen of said chapter fifty-five, to draw off 9 a balance-sheet as of December thirty-first, nineteen hun-10 dred and sixteen, and to file said balance-sheet and other 11 information in manner aforesaid, for the year then ended, 12 within such time as it may prescribe, in lieu of closing said 13 accounts and filing said returns on the dates now fixed by 14 law.