

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 555

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*House of Representatives, March 13, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Judiciary and two thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Cole of Eliot.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section 1 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes entitled, Transmission of Electric Power beyond the Limits of the State Prohibited.

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

Section one of chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes is  
2 hereby amended by adding to said section the following  
3 words, 'provided, however, that when any corporation shall  
4 have established to the satisfatcion of the Public Utilities  
5 Commission that it has reduced its rates within the territory  
6 served by it within this State to a schedule not exceeding the

7 following rates, namely: five cents (5c) per kilowatt hour  
8 for lighting, one cent (1c) per kilowatt hour for heating and  
9 for power and that its rentals, service and all other charges  
10 are in proportion therewith; and that it is able to produce a  
11 surplus of electric current for which it has no market within  
12 its territory; then and not until then, on approval of the  
13 Public Utilities Commission, it shall be lawful for said cor-  
14 poration to transmit any such surplus electric current for  
15 sale or use beyond the limits of the State, provided that said  
16 corporation shall at all times adequately supply the needs of  
17 its customers within the State; and that it shall be required  
18 to make such further reasonable reductions in its rates within  
19 the State, from time to time as may be ordered by the Public  
20 Utilities Commission; that it shall have no authority to raise  
21 its rates above said schedule while transmitting current be-  
22 yond the limits of the State; and provided further that the  
23 Public Utilities Commission shall prohibit such transmission  
24 of electric current for sale or use beyond the limits of the  
25 State, in whole or in part, whenever it shall appear that the  
26 current can be sold by the corporation at the above rates  
27 within its territory, or the public interest requires,' so that  
28 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. No corporation, unless expressly authorized so  
2 to do by special act of the legislature, shall transmit or con-  
3 vey beyond the confines of the state for the purpose of fur-  
4 nishing power, heat or light, any electric current generated  
5 directly or indirectly by any water power in this state; nor

6 sell or furnish, directly or indirectly, to any person, firm or  
7 corporation, any electric current so generated to be trans-  
8 mitted or conveyed beyond the confines of the state for any  
9 of such purposes. Nothing in this section, however, shall  
10 prevent any railroad corporation doing business in this state  
11 from transmitting electric current, however generated, be-  
12 yond the confines of the state for the purpose of operating its  
13 road between some point in this state and any point or points  
14 beyond its confines; nor shall this section apply to any cor-  
15 poration engaged on the third day of July, one thousand nine  
16 hundred and nine, in conveying or transmitting electric cur-  
17 rent beyond the confines of the state, or chartered or em-  
18 powered so to do, nor affect or impair any contracts then  
19 existing for the transmission of electric current beyond the  
20 confines of the state, provided however, that when any cor-  
21 poration shall have established to the satisfaction of the  
22 Public Utilities Commission that it has reduced its rates  
23 within the territory served by it within this State to a sched-  
24 ule not exceeding the following rates, namely; five cents  
25 (5c) per kilowatt hour for lighting, one cent (1c) per kilo-  
26 watt hour for heating and for power and that its rentals,  
27 service and all other charges are in proportion therewith;  
28 and that it is able to produce a surplus of electric current for  
29 which it has no market within its territory; then and not  
30 until then, on approval of the Public Utilities Commission, it  
31 shall be lawful for said corporation to transmit any such sur-  
32 plus electric current for sale or use beyond the limits of the

33 State, provided that said corporation shall at all times ade-  
34 quately supply the needs of its customers within the State;  
35 and that it shall be required to make such further reasonable  
36 reductions in its rates within the State, from time to time as  
37 may be ordered by the Public Utilities Commission; that it  
38 shall have no authority to raise its rates above said schedule  
39 while transmitting current beyond the limits of the State;  
40 and provided further that the Public Utilities Commission  
41 shall prohibit such transmission of electric current for sale  
42 or use beyond the limits of the State, in whole or in part,  
43 whenever it shall appear that the current can be sold by the  
44 corporation at the above rates within its territory or the  
45 public interest requires.'