

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 111

House of Representatives, February 6, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Wilson of Presque Isle from Committee on Public Utilities and ordered printed and recommitted.

Presented by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section seventy-one, chapter fifty-five, Revised Statutes of Maine, compilation of nineteen hundred sixteen.

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

Section seventy-one, chapter fifty-five, revised statutes of Maine, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "nor shall any railroad, street railroad, gas plant, electric plant, telephone line, telegraph line or water works, hereafter be constructed in this state until the Public Utilities Commission shall have certified after a public hearing of all parties interested, that public convenience and necessity require the construction of such railroad, street railroad, gas plant, electric plant, telephone line, telegraph line

10 or water works; and the procuring of such certificate shall
11 be a condition precedent to the construction of any branch
12 or extension of any existing railroad, street railroad, gas
13 plant, electric plant, telephone line or water works; provided,
14 however, that no such certificate shall be required with
15 reference to proposed locations and construction heretofore
16 approved by the Public Utilities Commission in accordance
17 with existing statutes,' so that said section as amended shall
18 read as follows:

'Sect. 71. Utility to first apply to commission for rights;
2 application to legislature shall allege a denial by the com-
3 mission. 1913, c. 129, No. 69. No public utility shall ap-
4 ply to the legislature to grant it any right, privilege or
5 immunity which the Public Utility Commission has power
6 to grant to said utility until said utility shall first have ex-
7 hausted its rights in that behalf before said commission;
8 and in making such application to the legislature said util-
9 ity shall make a statement in writing, which shall accom-
10 pany the proposed legislation, that it has applied to said
11 commission for the right, privilege or immunity requested
12 and that said commission has denied its application; nor
13 shall any railroad, street railroad, gas plant, electric plant,
14 telephone line, telegraph line or water works, hereafter be
15 constructed in this state until the Public Utilities Commis-
16 sion shall have certified after a public hearing of all par-
17 ties interested, that public convenience and necessity re-
18 quire the construction of such railroad, street railroad, gas

19 plant, electric plant, telephone line, telegraph line or water
20 works, and the procuring of such certificate shall be a con-
21 dition precedent to the construction of any branch or ex-
22 tension of any existing railroad, street railroad, gas plant,
23 electric plant, telephone line, telegraph line or water works;
24 provided, however, that no such certificate shall be required
25 with reference to proposed location and construction here-
26 tofore approved by the Public Utilities Commission in ac-
27 cordance with existing statutes.'