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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 532

S. P. 426

In Senate, Feb. 12, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Bishop of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Procedure of Public Utilities Commission.

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

Section 59 of chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "may" in the second line thereof, the words 'hold hearings and conduct investigations' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 59. Each commissioner may administer oaths and issue necessary orders and processes. Each of the commissioners for the purposes mentioned in this chapter, may hold hearings and conduct investigations, administer oaths, certify to official acts, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, papers, documents, and testimony, punish by fine and imprisonment for contempt, and issue all processes necessary to the performance of the duties of the commission. Said public utilities commission shall have power to appoint, to serve during its pleasure, an examiner, who, being first duly sworn, shall have authority to administer oaths, examine witnesses, issue subpoenas, require the production of books, accounts, papers, documents and testimony, and receive evidence in any matter under the jurisdiction of the commission, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him. Evidence so taken and received shall have the same force and ef-

fect as though taken and received by said commission, and shall authorize action by said commission, as though by it taken and received. When objection is made to the admissibility of evidence the examiner shall note the same with the reasons therefor and incorporate such notation and reasons in his report of the evidence according to the practice in taking depositions. The commission shall disregard or consider the evidence so objected to according to the rules governing the taking of evidence before the commission, and shall report its rulings thereon in its decision of the case. The commission shall fix the salary of said examiner.'