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S. P. 254

In Senate, February 9, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Graves of Hancock.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT Relating to Examiners of the Public Utilities Commission.**

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

**R. S., c. 62, § 59, amended.** Section 59 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes, as amended in chapter 140 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 59. Each commissioner may administer oaths, hold hearings, etc., 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~~ examiners, 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~~ **them**. Evidence so taken and received shall have the same force and effect 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 examiners shall note the same with the reasons therefor and incorporate such notation and reasons in ~~his~~ **their** reports 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 examiners.'