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Legislative Document

No. 465

H. P. 1283

House of Representatives, February 11, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ellis of Rangeley.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to the Enforcement of the Motor Truck Law by the
Public Utilities Commission.**

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

Public utilities commission constituted a court; prosecutions, appeal. The public utilities commission is hereby constituted a court, with criminal jurisdiction original and concurrent with the superior court and the various municipal and police courts of this state and may try and punish offenders for all violations of the misdemeanors set forth in chapter 259 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by chapter 146 of the public laws of 1935, and all acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, and also all violations of the rules, orders and regulations promulgated by said public utilities commission under the authority in it vested by said acts.

The trial of any person accused of a violation of any of the provisions of said act or of any of said rules, orders and regulations, if the trial is held before the public utilities commission, may be held either in the county where such violation is alleged to have occurred, or at such place in Augusta in Kennebec county, as the public utilities commission may from time to time designate, and any one or more members of said commission may, in all cases, hold such court.

All prosecutions shall be conducted in accordance with the established criminal procedure of this state and any person aggrieved by the judgment or sentence of said commission shall have the right to appeal in the same manner as from a judgment or sentence of a municipal court.

Any member of said commission, in administering this act, may administer oaths, punish for contempt, compel attendance and have all the powers of municipal courts as exercised in similar cases.

All warrants and other process issued under the authority of this act, shall be under the seal of said public utilities commission, bear teste of any member thereof and shall be signed by any member thereof or its clerk.

Any commissioner or commissioners hearing a case, under the provisions of this act, may tax costs for its services, not in excess of the established schedule of fees of any municipal court having jurisdiction in the place where the hearing is held. Such fees, together with any penalties imposed, shall be paid to the commission for the purposes set forth in section 12 (H) of chapter 146 of the public laws of 1935.