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House of Representatives, January 15, 1941.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bubar of Weston.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Requiring the Election of the Members of the Public Utilities  
Commission by the Legislature.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 62, § 1, amended.** The 1st 3 sentences of section 1 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘The public utilities commission, as heretofore established shall consist of 3 members.

The members of the commission shall be elected by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention, and each shall hold his office for the term of 6 years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Any vacancy occurring during the interim of the legislature shall be filled by appointment for unexpired portion of the term of the vacating member by the president of the senate. Any vacancy occurring during a session of the legislature shall be filled by election for the unexpired term by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention.

The member of the commission who has served for the longest period shall be the chairman.’

**Sec. 2. First election.** The first election under this act shall be in 1943.

One member shall be elected to serve for 6 years, another to serve for 4 years, and another to serve for 2 years. Thereafter at each biennial meeting a member shall be elected for a term of 6 years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. The member elected for the 6 year term in the 1st instance shall be the chairman.

**Sec. 3. Effective date of act.** This act shall take effect on the 1st Wednesday in January 1943.