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H. P. 121

House of Representatives, January 27, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**AN ACT Permitting Rural Electrification Cooperatives to
Exercise Eminent Domain.**

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

R. S., c. 51, § 4, sub-§ VII, amended. Subsection VII of section 4 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

'VII. To construct, purchase, lease as lessee or otherwise acquire, and to equip, maintain and operate, and to sell, assign, convey, lease as lessor, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of or encumber electric transmission and distribution lines or systems, electric generating plants, electric cold storage or processing plants, lands, buildings, structures, dams, plants and equipment, and any other real or personal property, tangible or intangible, which shall be deemed necessary, convenient or appropriate to accomplish the purpose for which the cooperative is organized; ~~provided, however, that~~ a cooperative shall ~~not~~ have the power of eminent domain; **and any location to be so taken by eminent domain shall be approved by the Public Utilities Commission;** and ~~provided further, that~~ in the construction and operation of their facilities, cooperatives shall comply with all safety laws and regulations applicable to electric companies;'