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CHAPTER 408
H. P. 527 — L. D. 593**AN ACT to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Filing Requirements for Utility Rate Changes.**

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

35 MRSA § 64, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The commission may, in its discretion, require the filing of information relating to the changes to be filed in a general increase in rates at the same time as the schedules are filed. The commission may require utilities, whose gross revenues exceed \$5,000,000 annually, to notify the commission, not more than 2 months in advance of filing a general increase in rates under this section, that such a filing is planned and to disclose the approximate amount of the increase, a general statement of the major issues that might be presented and the approximate rate of return the utility would be seeking.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 409
H. P. 1106 — L. D. 1311**AN ACT Concerning Teacher Certification.**

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

20 MRSA § 59, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §§ 306 and 307, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 59. Certification of teachers

The State Board of Education shall, in accordance with such rules as it shall prescribe, authorize the commissioner to certify and seek in the Administrative Court to revoke the certification of teachers and other professional personnel for services in any public school in the State, or in any nonpublic school which accepts public funds for tuition or is approved for attendance under section 911. The board shall, in accordance with such rules as it shall prescribe, authorize the commissioner to certify adult education teachers and other teaching and professional personnel in publicly-supported education programs, other than those in the public schools, post-high school institutions, colleges and universities. The board shall, in accordance with such rules as it shall prescribe, authorize the

commissioner to approve the employment of teacher aids, teacher assistants and other semiprofessional personnel for service in the kinds of schools described in this section.

The board shall utilize the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and other consultants as necessary to implement the purposes of this section.

All rules adopted by the board shall be adopted in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 21.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 410

H. P. 1120 — L. D. 1337

AN ACT to Require Periodic Reapportioning of Districts for Election of Representatives to Congress.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 1571 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1571-A is enacted to read:

§ 1571-A. Congressional districts

1. **Composition.** The districts for the election of Representatives to Congress are comprised as follows:

A. The first district is composed of Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York Counties. It is entitled to one Representative to Congress.

B. The 2nd district is composed of Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington Counties. It is entitled to one Representative to Congress.

2. **Redistricting, generally.** In 1983 and every 10 years thereafter, when the Secretary of State has received notification of the number of congressional seats to which the State is entitled and the Federal Decennial Census population count is final, the apportionment commission established pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A, shall review the existing congressional districts. If the districts do not conform to Supreme Court guidelines, the commission shall reapportion the State into congressional districts.