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**AN ACT Requiring Evaluation of New England
Electric Power Pool Membership.**

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

35 MRSA §13-D is enacted to read:

§13-D. New England Electric Power Pool Agreement

1. Utility review of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement. The Public Utilities Commission shall require, by rule, that each Maine utility which is a member of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement review that agreement at least every 3 years. The utilities may conduct that review jointly. That review shall address the following factors and concerns and any others which the commission finds relevant to participation in the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement:

- A. Capacity and reserve requirement;
- B. Energy requirements including reserve requirements;
- C. Reliability;
- D. Transmission and wheeling;
- E. Pooled purchases from outside the State;
- F. Treatment of cogeneration contracts;
- G. Allocation of interruptible credit;
- H. Whether the agreement and practices encourage efficient and economic decisions with respect to future electric supply options;
- I. Planning of generation, power purchases and transmission; and
- J. Operation and dispatch of supply.

The review shall evaluate whether participation in the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement is the best option for the particular Maine utility. It shall also investigate whether the allocation of costs and benefits and responsibility for planning decisions within the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement is reasonable.

2. Review by nonmembers. The Public Utilities Commission may require any Maine electric utility serving more than 20,000 customers, which is not a member of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement, to conduct reviews of the possibility of joining the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement, similar to the review of subsection 1 at intervals of at least 3 years.

3. Public Utilities Commission review of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement. The utility shall

submit to the commission a report of any review undertaken in accordance with this section together with supporting data and additional information as required for review by the commission. If the Public Utilities Commission finds, after consideration of a utility's submission under subsection 1 or 2, that further investigation by the commission is warranted, then the commission shall proceed under section 296. This shall not preclude the commission from conducting a review of a utility's participation or nonparticipation in the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement at any time on its own motion in accordance with section 296, even if the utility has filed no submission on the issue.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 225

H.P. 1205 — L.D. 1643

**AN ACT to Give Local Election Wardens
Authority Concerning Gathering
Petition Signatures.**

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

21-A MRSA §662, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Collection of signatures. The warden may select and designate a specific location at the voting place, accessible and observable by the voters, where the collection of signatures may take place. The warden may limit the number of persons collecting signatures to one for each specific question, candidate or issue. Persons collecting signatures may not solicit a voter's signature until the voter has completed voting. The warden may direct the removal, under subsection 2, paragraph A, of any person collecting signatures who does not comply with the requirements of this subsection.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 226

H.P. 1248 — L.D. 1704

**AN ACT to Establish the First Full Week of
June as Garden Week.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period will not expire until after the first week of June; and

Whereas, the first full week of June has been proclaimed by the Governor as Garden Week every year