

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
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C. Policies that encourage economic use of fuel and the maximum efficient utilization of natural energy resources indigenous to the State;

D. Rates or other regulatory policies that encourage electric utility system reliability;

E. Electric utility financing or subsidization of capital improvements undertaken by ratepayers to conserve electricity used by the ratepayers in the future. The commission may approve and allow cost recovery for proposals that result in savings in fuel other than electricity. This paragraph applies to future programs for utility financing of energy conservation or load management and to ~~such~~ programs that the commission has already approved prior to September 29, 1987;

F. As defined by the commission by rule, cost-effective conversions of electric space heat systems to systems relying on other fuels and other techniques for enabling homeowners and tenants to replace on-peak, winter period electric usage with less expensive sources of heat; ~~and~~

G. Rates or bill payment assistance programs for residential customers who have been certified eligible for state or federal fuel assistance that take into account the difficulty these customers have paying in full for electric service or that target assistance to these customers in the most efficient manner, taking into account the necessity of maintaining electric service; and

H. Rates that allow incremental use or maintenance of existing use when those rates serve to minimize rate levels for all electric customers. In approving any proposal for rates that allow incremental use or maintenance of existing use, the commission shall seek to ensure that rates for all customer classes will be lower than they would have been had the commission not approved the proposal.

**Sec. 3. Construction.** Nothing in this Act is intended or may be construed to discourage energy conservation and demand management programs or to encourage continued or additional use of electric baseboard resistance heating systems. Nothing in this Act may be construed to encourage or discourage the development or implementation of any particular rate design.

As a result of giving equal consideration to the goals of minimizing costs and minimizing rates pursuant to this Act, the Public Utilities Commission may not adopt any rate design that results in increased rates for residential customers with usage of less than 750 kilowatt hours per month. Nothing in the preceding sentence may be construed to prohibit the Public Utilities Commission from increasing rates for residential customers with usage of less than 750 kilowatt hours per month to

the extent justified by other legitimate rational principles or legislative mandates.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 403

S.P. 167 - L.D. 559

### An Act to Impose Term Limits on Presiding Officers of the Legislature

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §21-A** is enacted to read:

#### §21-A. President of Senate; term limitation

A person may not serve as President of the Senate for more than 3 consecutive legislative bienniums. Service in that capacity before December 2, 1992 is not included in the calculation of years served.

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §41-A** is enacted to read:

#### §41-A. Speaker of House of Representatives; term limitation

A person may not serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives for more than 3 consecutive legislative bienniums. Service in that capacity before December 2, 1992 is not included in the calculation of years served.

**Sec. 3. Retroactivity.** This Act takes effect retroactively to December 2, 1992.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 404

S.P. 490 - L.D. 1501

### An Act to Modify Various Licensing Board Laws

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

#### PART A

**Sec. A-1. 32 MRSA §1507** is enacted to read:

#### §1507. Inactive status

A licensee who is no longer actively practicing funeral service may surrender the licensee's active license to the State Board of Funeral Service and request inac-