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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES BILL SUMMARY



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LD: 360

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRIC RATE REFORM ACT TO EXPLICITLY ALLOW CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

ND:

BY GAS UTILITIES

BAKER H BOUTILIER NADEAU G G ANDREWS

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

CH #

SUMMARY:

The bill extends to gas utilities the authority of the PUC to order specific rate design proposals and related programs for implementing energy conservation, similar to the authority they now have over electric utilities.

LD: 462

AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF

DIRECTORS TO THE MAINE MUNICIPAL AND RURAL

ND:

ELECTRIFICATION COOPERATIVE AGENCY

RICHARD VOSE VIOLETTE

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted

SENATE Enacted

GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC CH # 92

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H-35 CA

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SUMMARY:

At present the Governor appoints one director of MMRECA from each member municipality or cooperative, choosing from a list of 3 or more nominees submitted by each unit. The bill allows each member to submit a single name and requires the Governor to appoint those persons.

The Committee amendment (H-35) makes clear that Maine Municipal & Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency (MMRECA) member utilities will each be able to appoint one director directly to the MMRECA board without involvement of the Governor. The Governor still has authority to appoint a public member to the board and is represented by the director of the Office of Energy Resources as well.