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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO RECODIFY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES LAW
1458 (REPORTED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW, CHAPTER 481
OF 1985)

PL 1987
c. 141
EMERGENCY

Sponsor:
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 350.

SUMMARY: The new draft makes technical changes to the bill, especially to new Title 35-A. No substantive changes are added.

The original bill is the result of a study by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities which recodifies Title 35 of the Maine Revised Statutes by repealing it and replacing it with new Title 35-A in order to reorganize the body of law governing public utilities into a more logical format; to delete obsolete provisions; and to clarify some of the more archaic and older provisions, but not to produce substantive changes. In addition, the bill does include one substantive change, as suggested by the Audit and Program Review Committee: a statement of purpose for the Public Utilities Commission is added in §101 of new Title 35-A.

The bill moves a provision on telecommunications for the deaf to Title 22 and provisions on railroads to Title 23, and moves the substantive requirements for regulation of ferries in Casco Bay from the Private & Special Laws to Title 35-A.

Part B of the bill changes cross references elsewhere within the statutes from old Title 35 to new Title 35-A.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 1987 to allow the actions of this Legislative session to be easily incorporated into new Title 35-A.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR PRICING IN MOVING
1503 TELEPHONE LINES

LVWD

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Matthews, Holt, Stanley
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Existing law requires a municipal permit for cutting or moving utility poles and wires. It also requires Public Utilities Commission approval of cutting or moving utility wires and poles used for transmitting train orders or operating block signals unless the mover and the utility agree.

The bill extends Public Utilities Commission approval to all utility wires or poles, unless the mover and the utility agree on terms, and it prohibits excessive fees when the movement of the wire or pole is required in order to move a building.