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STATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



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electricity providers. In conducting the study and preparing a report, the office is required to consult with and solicit recommendations from interested parties. The final report must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 3, 2025, and the committee may report out legislation based on the final report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Public Law 2025, chapter 123 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 29, 2025.

LD 861 An Act to Prohibit the Public Advocate and a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission from Certain Employment Activities Following Service

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 406 prohibits the Public Advocate or a commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission serving or appointed on or after December 15, 2025, until 12 months after the completion of the Public Advocate's or commissioner's service, from soliciting or accepting employment from a public utility. The law also prohibits, until 12 months after the completion of service, a commissioner from appearing before the commission in a proceeding for compensation and the Public Advocate from appearing before the commission in a proceeding for compensation on behalf of a person, other than a state agency or quasi-independent state entity, if that person was a party to an adjudicatory proceeding in which the Public Advocate was a party during the Public Advocate's term of service. The law is enforced by the Office of the Attorney General and an individual who violates the law is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence.

LD 873 An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 38 authorizes the municipal officers of a municipality having a population of more than 30,000 inhabitants to revoke the location of a utility pole when required for the public safety and welfare.

LD 905 An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 50 changes the mechanism by which a transmission and distribution utility is required to remit the value of unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated and that expired during the prior calendar year by requiring the utility to remit the value to the administrators of the statewide low-income assistance plan and the individual low-income