

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

Legislative Document

No. 196

H.P. 159

House of Representatives, January 17, 2019

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 320: Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham for the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires
 legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by
 the agency; and
- Whereas, a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review;
 and
- 8 **Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the 9 Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and
- Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it
- 14 Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 320: 15 Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards, a provisionally adopted 16 major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission that has been submitted to the 17 Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, 18 subchapter 2-A, is authorized.
- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 21 SUMMARY

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 320: Electric
 Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards, a major substantive rule of the
 Public Utilities Commission.