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An Act Regarding Interconnectivity of Small Electric Distributed Generation Resources

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3483, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Interconnection of in-state distributed generation resources.** A standard buyer
4 shall give preference in a list of requests for the interconnection of new, or uprated to
5 increased capacity, distributed generation resources to those resources of 500 kilowatts or
6 less owned by a resident of the State or owned by an entity with its principal place of
7 business in the State. For purposes of this subsection, “resident of the State” includes a
8 business or entity with 51% or more ownership by one or more residents of the State.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires that a transmission and distribution utility give preference in a list
11 requesting interconnection to the transmission and distribution utility’s electric distribution
12 system to renewable electricity generators of 500 kilowatts or less owned by a resident of
13 the State or owned by an entity that has its principal place of business in the State.