

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

H.P. 547 - L.D. 861

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

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §124 is enacted to read:

§124. Post-term employment restrictions; commissioners

1. Definition. As used in this section, "employment" means any full-time or part-time work performed for compensation and includes, but is not limited to, consulting and membership on a board.

2. Prohibitions. An individual serving as a commissioner on or appointed to serve as a commissioner on or after December 15, 2025 may not, until 12 months after the completion of the commissioner's service in accordance with section 105, subsection 2:

A. Solicit employment with or accept employment from a public utility in the State; or

B. Appear before the commission for compensation in a commission proceeding on behalf of a person.

3. Penalties. An individual who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, payable to the State.

4. Enforcement. The Office of the Attorney General may investigate alleged violations of this section and bring an action for a violation of this section.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1715 is enacted to read:

§1715. Post-term employment restrictions

1. Definition. As used in this section, "employment" means any full-time or part-time work performed for compensation and includes, but is not limited to, consulting and membership on a board.

2. Certain employment prohibited. An individual serving as the Public Advocate on or appointed to serve as the Public Advocate on or after December 15, 2025 may not, until 12 months after the completion of the Public Advocate's service in accordance with section 1701, subsection 1-A:

A. Solicit employment with or accept employment from a public utility in the State; or

B. Appear before the commission for compensation in a commission proceeding 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.

3. Penalties. An individual who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, payable to the State.

4. Enforcement. The Office of the Attorney General may investigate alleged violations of this section and bring an action for a violation of this section.