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In Senate, February 24, 2015

An Act Regarding the Use of Remote-access Technology at Public Meetings of the Public Utilities Commission

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §108-A, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 36, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 A majority of the duly appointed commissioners constitutes a quorum and the act or
5 decision of a majority of commissioners present, if at least a quorum is present, is the act
6 or decision of the commission in any formal proceeding before the commission.
7 Commissioners may participate in proceedings through telephonic, video, electronic or
8 similar means of communication.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill specifically authorizes the commissioners of the Public Utilities
11 Commission to participate in proceedings of the commission through telephonic, video,
12 electronic or similar means of communication.