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**L.D. 1708 held up in the Legislature for now  
Voters will have final say in 2021 or 2022**

AUGUSTA, Maine -- Last night, [L.D. 1708 "An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company,"](#) was tabled in the House, having failed final enactment in the Senate 18-17 after an initially successful 19-16 vote. The legislature has now adjourned until June 30th.

"We the people of Maine want and deserve to take control of our energy future, and we will all have that chance in either 2021 or 2022," said Stephanie Clifford, campaign manager for [Our Power](#), a coalition of Maine ratepayers, businesses, energy experts, conservationists, and dozens of grassroots organizations. "We thank all the legislators who stood up to the CMP and Versant lobbyists."

If LD 1708 fails in the legislature or is vetoed by Governor Mills, Our Power will gather signatures for a citizen-initiated referendum that will put the question on the ballot for November 2022, the same year that all legislators and Governor Mills are up for re-election.

A recent poll by Survey USA showed [75% of Maine people support buying out CMP/Versant and creating a consumer-owned utility](#). This strong support for the idea, which is up from 58% just one year ago, bridges party lines and geography, indicating strong prospects for a successful referendum bid.