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House of Representatives, May 11, 2011

**An Act Concerning Certain Privileges Transferred to GNE, LLC by
Great Northern Paper, Inc.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Heather J.R. Priest.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DAVIS of Sangerville, DION of Portland,
HINCK of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, MARTIN of
Kennebec, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 2001, c. 45, §1, first ¶** is amended to read:

3 **Sec. 1. Authority to transfer corporate rights.** Great Northern Paper, Inc. and
4 its assigns, designees, transferees and any other successors to any rights, privileges,
5 immunities or franchises that have been granted by private and special law to Great
6 Northern Paper, Inc. and its predecessors in interest, may, in connection with the sale,
7 mortgage or other conveyance of any interest in its dams and hydroelectric and related
8 facilities, referred to in this Act as "hydropower facilities," except for any right to take
9 and use water conveyed to Great Northern Paper, Inc. by Private and Special Law 1917,
10 chapter 94, sell or transfer any such rights, privileges, immunities or franchises related to
11 the hydropower facilities and, notwithstanding any private and special law to the
12 contrary, but subject to all other applicable provisions of law, including, but not limited
13 to, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, sell or transfer and transmit electricity to any
14 3rd parties. Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to affect or limit any rights,
15 privileges, immunities or franchises granted by private and special law to or obligations,
16 conditions or limitations imposed upon Great Northern Paper, Inc. and its predecessors in
17 interest with respect to anything other than the hydropower facilities.

18 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act is retroactive to January 28, 2002.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill excepts from the rights, privileges, immunities or franchises that Great
21 Northern Paper, Inc. may sell or transfer the right to take or use water conveyed to Great
22 Northern Paper, Inc. by Private and Special Law 1917, chapter 94.