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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1108 AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY  
ND: 500 MUNICIPALITIES FOR COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS

GILL  
BERUBE  
TAYLOR  
NADEAU G G  
PUBLIC  
CH # 98

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

H-43 HA E MURPHY

SUMMARY:

This is a new draft of LD 500. The original bill would have repealed several price restrictions contained in present law for obtaining copies of birth, marriage or death certificates from municipal clerks and pegged those fees on whatever fee was being charged by the Department of Human Services for copies of vital records. The new draft simply sets the municipal fees at \$5 for the first copy, and \$2 for any additional copies. House amendment H-43 would have reduced the fee for the first copy to \$3.

LD: 1133 RESOLVE, FOR LAYING OF THE COUNTY TAXES AND  
EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF ANDROSCOGGIN  
COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1985 (REPORTED PURSUANT  
TO A JOINT ORDER; HP56)

OTP HOUSE Emer. Finally Passed  
SENATE Emer. Finally Passed  
GOV EMER SIGNED

RESOLVE  
CH # 12

LD: 1136 AN ACT RELATING TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY  
EMERGENCY TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

FOSTER

OTP HOUSE Emerg. Enacted  
SENATE Emerg. Enacted  
GOV EMER SIGNED

P AND S  
CH # 21

SUMMARY:

The Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations is a Maine corporation founded in 1903. Its purpose is to obtain and manage for free public use scenic or historic properties which may be available for the purpose. The corporation enjoys tax free status.

This bill makes the corporation into a nonprofit historical society. The emergency preamble indicates that the purpose of this is to obtain tax exemption, which appeared to already exist and qualification for erection of tourist signs. By qualifying as an historical institution the corporation will be allowed to erect 2 signs outside of the public right-of-way without being subject to a license or permit. This will save the corporation a maximum of \$60 a year and allow design freedom. However, if the corporation wishes additional signs, these will continue to come under the State's business directional sign program.