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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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: 1538 AN ACT PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL LICENSING

BRANNIGAN

FEES

ND: 704

HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC: CH # 225

SUMMARY:

The original bill was intended to remove several restrictions upon the amount that municipalities could charge as fees for certain licenses. The new draft corrected several drafting errors in the original bill and removed fee restrictions from municipal licensing of permits for the movement of oversize objects over municipal streets, and the issuance of innkeeper, victualer and tavernkeepers' licenses.

Municipalities may now charge a "reasonable fee" for those licenses.

LD: 1569 RESOLVE, DIRECTING COUNTY OFFICIALS TO MANNING MANAGE AND INVEST COUNTY FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE

ND: 402 WITH SOUND AND PRUDENT FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES

HOUSE Indef. PP SENATE Indef. PP

GOV

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this new draft is to direct county officials to adhere to sound financial principles in the management and investment of county funds.

LD: 1590 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE VOTING RIGHTS OF VOSE

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

ND: 113

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC SENATE Enacted CH # 363 GOV SIGNED

H-284 HA VOSE H-298 HB VOSE H S

SUMMARY:

This is a new draft of LD 113. LD 113 allowed township residents who register and vote outside of certain electoral districts to still be able to vote for offices of those districts. Current election law allows township residents to register and vote in a town outside of their representative district in certain circumstances. However, if the town in which the township resident votes is located outside of his State representative or senatorial district or outside of his county, he may not vote for State representative or senator, or for any county offices at that election. LD 113 allowed a township resident who votes in a town located outside of his

electoral district to retain his vote for those offices representing his residential district. The Secretary of State must supply towns in which township residents vote with ballots that include nominees for the offices from the district in which the township residents reside. The new draft rewrote the bill to make it consistent with the recent election laws recodification and added provisions requiring county commissioners to provide ballots for township residents who register and vote in a town outside their county commissioner district. House amendment H-284 would have eliminated the requirement that clerks notify the Secretary of State of registrations by township residents at least 120 days before an election. House amendment H-298 changed the 120-day notice requirement to 60 days.

LD:

1592 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF YORK TO REPAIR ROLDE

PRIVATE ROADS WITHIN SUBDIVISIONS

ND: 996

> HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOU SIGNED

P AND S CH # 33

SUMMARY:

This is a new draft of LD 996. LD 996 would have applied to all municipalities in the state; it gave municipalities the option of using municipal equipment and personnel to repair private roads within subdivisions in certain limited circumstances. The new draft is a private and special law applying only to the Town of York, authorizing it to repair private roads located in subdivisions within the town of York.

LD:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING A BOND ISSUE FOR PENOBSCOT COUNTY TO RAISE FUNDS TO RENOVATE OR EXPAND THE PENOBSCOT COUNTY JAIL.

STEVENS MAYBURY PEARSON STROUT

EG W/O RF

HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV

P AND S CH #35

SUMMARY:

1610

The purpose of this bill is to authorize Penobscot County to raise \$5,100,000 through the issuance of bonds to be used for renovations or additions to the county jail facilities. Because this bill was not referred to committee, the provisions concerning debt service and current indebtedness which the committee normally added were not included in this bill.