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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 672 An Act to Restructure Boards of Assessment Review

PUBLIC 235

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LARRIVEE	OTP	
ADAMS		
WENTWORTH		

SUMMARY

This bill authorized municipalities of any size to create a 5-member or 7-member board of assessment review. It also provided for alternate members to that board.

LD 681 An Act to Improve the Disbursement of Funds for Municipal Roads

PUBLIC 272

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SPEAR	OTP	
EMERSON		
BERUBE		
LARRIVEE		

SUMMARY

This bill amended the law that allows municipalities to spend additional money on roads by eliminating a requirement that only the inhabitants of the town could be employed to do that work.

LD 684 An Act to Require the State to Participate in Maintenance and Construction Expenses for the Capitol Area

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT	ONTP	
BUSTIN		
PARADIS P		
LIPMAN		

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the State to reimburse the City of Augusta for expenses incurred for maintenance and snow removal of arterial streets and sidewalks and the reconstruction of streets that border and lie within the Capitol Area. A compromise version of LD 594 was voted out of committee to address the issues involved in LDs 594, 684 and 898.

LD 699 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Rulemaking

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SKOGLUND	ONTP	
GWADOSKY		
DAGGETT		
HOLLOWAY		

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided a procedure for 25 or more registered voters who are adversely affected by an agency rule to request review of the rule by a joint standing committee of the Legislature. The substance of this bill was incorporated into LD 1310 through Committee Amendment A.