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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 711      An Act to Require the Filing of Current Tax Maps Annually in the Registry of Deeds      LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> LUDWIG TUPPER JALBERT	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> LV/WD	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that tax maps and amendments to tax maps be filed in the registry of deeds by April 1st of each year.

**LD 725      An Act to Direct the State to Adjust Its Computer Systems so that the Names of Individuals or Corporations Are Written as They Are Legally Stated      LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> TITCOMB	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> LV/WD	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have mandated that the Office of Information Services set and maintain a written standard for all computer programs used by the State, its departments and agencies that required that the names of individuals, corporations and agencies be listed as they are legally stated: first name first and last name last.

**LD 735      An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Removal or Destruction of Landmark Locations by State Departments      PUBLIC 102**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> GOULD R R HUSSEY CATHCART	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> S-61
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**SUMMARY**

State departments are authorized to pay for the reestablishment of a landmark location destroyed in the process of any public improvement. This bill replaced the \$100 maximum replacement fee with language which allows the payment of reasonable cost for this work.

Committee Amendment "A" added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 753      An Act to Increase the Fees for Recordings in the Registry of Deeds      LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> LOOK MERRILL FARREN	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> LV/WD	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have increased the recording fee to \$8 for the first page of instruments that are entitled to be recorded in the registry of deeds and for which a specific fee has not been established. The substance of this bill was addressed in LD 136 which was passed out of committee.