

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 808

**An Act to Provide Information to Persons Voting on Bonded Indebtedness Proposals**

PUBLIC 269

SPONSOR(S)  
ANTHONY  
BERUBE  
LOOK  
WATERMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-298

**SUMMARY**

This bill mandated that municipal bond referenda have the same financial disclosure requirements as state bond referenda.

Committee Amendment "A" added the same requirements for the counties.

LD 821

**An Act to Regulate the Disposition of State Surplus Property**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)  
RICHARDS  
BERUBE  
EMERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Commissioner of Administration promulgate rules controlling the disposition of surplus state property. The committee sent a letter to the Acting Commissioner asking that rules be promulgated and presented to the committee by January 15, 1992.

**LD 825**

**An Act to Clarify the Definition of State Employee in the State Employee Labor Relations Laws**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)  
JOSEPH  
BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have clarified the procedure that a public employer must take in order to exempt a new position from the definition of "state employee" under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 9-B. This bill permitted the State to file a petition for unit clarification after the new position is established to avoid any delay in filling new positions.

LD 887

**An Act to Strengthen Municipal Borrowing Alternatives**

PUBLIC 605

SPONSOR(S)  
PRAY  
KANY  
CLARK H  
MICHAUD

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-299  
S-444 BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

This bill directed the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to establish new methods for providing assistance to