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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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 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 1032 An Act to Improve the Level of Services Provided by the Bureau of Public Improvements on Capital Improvement Projects

INDEF PP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BAILEY R EMERSON | OTP | H-310 JOSEPH |

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements to hire personnel for specific jobs when necessary to provide the flexibility to maintain service consistent with demand while avoiding a permanent staff increase. The funds for project assistance would carry forward with the funding for the capital projects.

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

LD 1037 An Act to Amend the State Government Financial Disclosure Laws

PUBLIC 331

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MAYO TUPPER GOULD R A | OTP-AM | H-304 |

SUMMARY

This bill excluded certain unsecured loans from disclosure under the ethics laws when the nature of the liability was unlikely to create a potential for a conflict of interest.

Committee Amendment "A" modified the title so that the changes in financial disclosure laws applied to both the legislative and the executive branches of government. The amendment also established the same reportable liabilities exceptions for executive employees that were created in the original bill for legislative employees.

LD 1039 An Act to Resolve Municipal Secret Ballot Elections that Result in a Tie Vote

PUBLIC 323

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LOOK BERUBE EMERSON | OTP | |

SUMMARY

The bill authorized a municipality's legislative body to pass an ordinance allowing a tied candidate to withdraw to avoid a run-off election. The candidate must sign a written waiver to withdraw