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115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

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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.

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GOODRIDGE ONTP
MAHANY

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund to assist the Local Government Records Board in implementing existing standards and improving records management at the local level. It would have also increased the real estate transfer tax rate by 2% to provide funding for municipal records management. The distribution formula was revised so that there is no loss to the counties, the General Fund or the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund; the counties, the General Fund and the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund would have each received a small net increase in funds.

LD 1448 Resolve, to Create the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State Government (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72) ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve would have established the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State Government, to study the information management systems currently used throughout State Government and propose a more effective information management system. This was one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future.

LD 1450 Resolve, to Implement the Final Report of the Commission on Maine's Future (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72) ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
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SUMMARY

This resolve would have:

1. Directed the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning to submit a 4-year work plan and budget to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations by December 31, 1991.
2. Directed the Maine Science and Technology Commission to develop a strategy for facilitating technology transfer to business and industry.
3. Directed the University of Maine System to submit a proposal for establishing a degree program and curriculum for land use planning by June 30, 1992.
4. Directed the Department of Conservation to prepare a comprehensive strategy to foster communications and positive relations between landowners and those who use private land for recreation.