

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 1442 An Act to Restrict Clear-cutting on Land Used for Drinking Water Supplies**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LOOK  
LORD  
MERRILL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited clear-cutting over sand and gravel aquifers that are used for public drinking water supplies. It also would have required forest management plans for clear-cuts to be filed with the municipal reviewing authorities or the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and the county commissioners. Municipalities would have been notified of any clear-cuts within their jurisdiction. Exemptions from the natural resources protection laws would have been narrowed to exclude forested wetlands that are associated with wetlands, great ponds or sand and gravel aquifers that are used for public drinking water supplies.

**LD 1449 Resolve, to Create the Maine Commission on Environmental Policy (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72)**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This was one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future. This resolve proposed to establish the Maine Commission on Environmental Policy. The commission was to study existing state environmental policies and to consolidate those policies into a comprehensive body of policy that recognized the cumulative effects of changes to the environment on Maine's quality of life; defined minimum standards for responsible individual, governmental and corporate activity; and incorporated, on a continuing basis, the environmental policy values of the people of Maine.

**LD 1492 An Act to Permit Orderly Consideration of Department of Environmental Protection Applications**

**PUBLIC 183**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JACQUES  
HUGLUND  
LORD  
TITCOMB

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes explicit the provision that complete pending applications are not affected by subsequent changes in the substantive rules that relate to the subject matter of the applications.