

# 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 1746 An Act to Establish a Budget Process for Sagadahoc County**

**PUBLIC 513  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
COLES	OTP-AM	H-551
CAHILL P		H-607 COLES
HOLT		

**SUMMARY**

This bill established the Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Committee to review the budget estimate and make recommendations to the Sagadahoc County commissioners.

In the original bill, the Sagadahoc County Budget Advisory Committee was comprised of elected municipal officials only. Committee Amendment "A" changed the composition of the committee to include 6 elected municipal officials and 3 representatives of the general public. It also added an emergency preamble, emergency clause and a sunset provision to the bill.

House Amendment "A" retained all of the substantive provisions of the committee amendment but reorganized the statutory units so that the law may be better understood and implemented.

**LD 1749 An Act Authorizing Changes to the Budget Process in York County**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SHELTRA	ONTP	
LORD		
PAUL		
MURPHY		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized changes in the budget process in York County.

**LD 1758 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Recall of State Elective Officials**

**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LEMKE	OTP-AM MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This constitutional resolution proposed a referendum to amend the Constitution to permit citizen recall of elected officials for misfeasance, malfeasance or violation of oath while in office upon the petition of qualified voters equal to 35% of the total number of votes cast for that office in the preceding election. LD 1964 became a companion piece of legislation to this bill.