

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2091 An Act to Revise the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District**

**P & S 81  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

HEINO  
CLARK H  
HOLLOWAY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-953  
S-567 CLEVELAND

**SUMMARY**

The Boothbay Harbor Sewer District charter contains provisions that limit the total amount of outstanding debt of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District and allow for a special district meeting to authorize borrowing to finance certain expenditures and improvements in excess of \$50,000. This bill increases the district's debt limit to \$5,500,000, an amount that enables the district to borrow for a wastewater treatment facility in order to comply with state and federal wastewater discharge laws. It also gives the trustees discretion, without calling a district meeting, to borrow for certain capital expenditures that do not exceed \$150,000.

The committee amendment (H-953) adds a referendum clause. The Senate amendment (S-567) amends the referendum clause to address a technical error contained in an already printed Town Warrant.

**LD 2092 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the South Berwick Sewer District**

**P & S 75  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

FARNUM  
MURPHY  
CARPENTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-914

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes an increase in the debt limitation of the South Berwick Sewer District. The bill becomes effective only upon approval by the voters of the South Berwick Sewer District.

The committee amendment (H-914) adds a new section to the bill to exempt it from the municipal mandate law.

**LD 2093 An Act Concerning the Norridgewock Water District**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**

KETTERER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to change the referendum date for voter approval of a boundary expansion of the Norridgewock Water District.