

# 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

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 2143 An Act to Reestablish the Rangeley Water District**

P & S 72  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MILLS  
POWERS  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-1040 CLARK H  
S-566

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to reestablish the Rangeley Water District.

The committee amendment (S-566) added a provision to the bill to exempt it from the municipal mandate law.

House Amendment B (H-1040) replaces the committee amendment and removes Sandy River Plantation and Rangeley Plantation from the Rangeley Water District. The amendment includes an exemption from the municipal mandate law.

**LD 2164 An Act to Continue Modified Rate Regulation for Small Consumer-owned Electric Utilities**

PUBLIC 651

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLEVELAND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the continued use of modified rate regulation of small consumer-owned electric utilities by repealing the October 1, 1992 sunset.

**LD 2217 An Act to Amend the Mars Hill Utility District**

P & S 71

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LUDWIG  
MAHANY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The Mars Hill Utility District charter required the treasurer of the Town of Mars Hill to be the treasurer of the district. This bill amends the charter to allow the board of trustees to appoint a treasurer of the district.

**LD 2247 An Act to Create the Waterboro Water District**

P & S 80  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LORD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-959

**SUMMARY**

This bill creates the Waterboro Water District.

The committee amendment (H-959) requires the Waterboro Water District to assume all rights and responsibilities of the Town of Waterboro under contracts entered into between the town and the Department of Environmental Protection. The amendment makes a technical correction to the emergency clause. The amendment adds a provision that excepts the referendum provision of the bill from the municipal mandate law.