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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 2316 An Act to Establish a Watershed District for Sebago Lake

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
KONTOS
KUTASI
RICH
TITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish the Sebago Lake Watershed District.

LD 2343 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Dexter Utility District

P & S 86

SPONSOR(S)
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EMERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-999

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Dexter Utility District by giving the board of trustees the authority to assess interest on unpaid rate charges and allows the lien fees to be increased from time to time. The committee amendment (H-999), requires notice of any late payment charge to be given by registered mail. The amendment increases the period after the notice is given and before a lien is perfected from 30 days to 60 days. The amendment limits the interest that may be charged on overdue rates to that level established by the Public Utilities Commission by rule for public utilities. Currently that rule is Chapter 87 of the commission's rules.

LD 2344 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District

P & S 89
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
KONTOS
PENDLETON
ADAMS
BRANNIGAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1002
H-1026 KONTOS

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Portland Water District to include the Town of Scarborough within the boundaries of the district. The district has been serving portions of Scarborough since 1915. This allows Scarborough to have representation on the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District.

The bill also expands the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District from 9 to 11 members. One new member represents the towns of Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and Gorham. The 2nd new member represents the towns of Windham, Cumberland and Falmouth. Adding 2 new representatives for these 6 towns reflects changes in population since the last time the board was reorganized in 1972.

The committee amendment (H-1002), exempts the bill from the municipal mandate law.

The House amendment (H-1026), reduces the number of signatures needed to become a candidate to represent Falmouth, the Cumberland and Windham voting district or the Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and Gorham voting district.