

# MAINE STATE 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 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.

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARSANO MAYO CONLEY HOLLOWAY	OTP-AM	H-1201

**SUMMARY**

The bill enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 11, Article 4-A, which is the State's version of the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 4A, governing the transfer of funds between banks by wire or by written instructions. The article is based on an article adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and has been technically revised to conform to the Legislature's conventions for usage and numbering. Uniform law comments are included without any change except that cross-references to the uniform law are followed by cross-references to the Maine version in brackets.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1201): The amendment makes a technical correction to section 1 to reflect enactment of Public Law 1991, chapter 636. It also indicates typographical errors in the Uniform Comments.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 2352 An Act to Grant Immunity for Directors of Rural Electrification Cooperatives**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
VOSE GAUVREAU TAMMARO FOSTER	OTP-AM	S-641

**SUMMARY**

The bill provides immunity from civil liability for elected, noncompensated directors of rural electrification cooperatives for acts or omissions within the scope of activities of the cooperatives.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-641): The amendment corrects the citation to the chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes under which rural electrification cooperatives are organized.

**LD 2357 An Act to Enact a New Article on Negotiable Instruments in the Uniform Commercial Code**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARSANO MAYO CONLEY HOLLOWAY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

The bill adopted changes recommended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws as revisions to the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 3, on negotiable instruments. This bill repealed the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 11, Article 3 and enacted a new Title 11, Article 3-A to accomplish those revisions. The official Uniform Comments and the text of some new provisions refer to other conforming amendments in the Uniform Commercial Code. These amendments are not included in this bill.