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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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Joint Standing Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

**LD 16 An Act to Authorize Financing of Solid Waste Districts on
a Per Capita or a State Valuation Basis**

PUBLIC 11
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-27

SUMMARY

Current law requires refuse disposal districts to proportionally allocate assessments and liability for notes and bonds among member municipalities based on the most recent state valuation of property within each member municipality. This bill retains the valuation method as an option for allocating assessments and liability, but adds a 2nd method of proportioning assessments and liability based on the most recent census of residents of each member municipality.

Current law also requires that a district's powers of assessment and powers to issue notes and bonds be approved at referendum by a simple majority of the votes cast by the inhabitants of the district. This bill requires that the district's method of proportionally allocating liability for notes and bonds, on either a valuation or a per capita basis, be approved by the voters of the district in the same manner.

Existing refuse districts may change from a valuation based allocation method to a per capita based valuation method by resubmitting the question to the inhabitants of the district in the manner prescribed by current law.

Committee amendment "A" (H-27) ensures that the fractional share of liability for municipalities in a solid waste district in effect at the time a guaranteed note or bond is issued by that district is the fractional share of liability in effect for the term of the note or bond. A change in the method used by a solid waste district to allocate liability for notes and bonds among member municipalities does not apply to previously issued notes or bonds but is applicable only to notes and bonds issued after the change is approved by the municipalities in the district. Regardless of the method used by a solid waste district to allocate liability, existing law guarantees all notes and bonds issued by a district with the full faith and credit of the member municipalities.

This amendment also repeals the requirement that districts with more than one member municipality have a minimum of 5 directors, makes a reference correction and makes a technical correction.

**LD 35 An Act to Compensate Landowners for Property Value Loss Due
to Wetlands Conservation**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
SKOGLUND

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Department of Environmental Protection to compensate landowners for property value lost as a result of regulation under the wetlands portion of the natural resource protection laws.