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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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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This bill sets a limit of 3 years on how far back the Treasurer of State may require a business to produce records, repeals the use of estimates and reduces the amount of time within which an action must be taken against a person subject to the law. The bill repeals a requirement that property holders maintain records for 10 years after they have been submitted to the State and provides an opportunity for early compliance.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132) sets a limit on how far back an organization may be required to produce records of 15 years for the next 2 years and then 12 years.

House Amendment "A" (H-405) to Committee Amendment "A" makes it clear that it is the State's fiscal year that is being referenced.

LD 633 An Act to Amend the Mechanic's Lien Laws

PUBLIC 137

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY	OTP-AM	S-80

SUMMARY

This bill includes real estate licensees under the laws governing mechanic liens.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-80) adds an additional requirement concerning notice of a real estate licensee's lien to a purchaser of property before title passes to the purchaser. For a mechanic's lien to be effective against a purchaser, current law requires the lien claimant to file notice of the lien in the registry of deeds prior to title to the property passing to the purchaser. This amendment adds another notice requirement for a real estate licensee claiming a lien, which is that a claimant must send or hand notice to a purchaser of the claimant's lien before the purchaser takes title to the property.

LD 648 An Act to Require That the Inspection and Investigation Responsibilities of the Electricians' Examining Board Receive Funding Priority

PUBLIC 220

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COFFMAN	ONTP	MAJ	H-176
	OTP-AM	MIN	S-140 BUSTIN

SUMMARY

Currently, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation has authority over the budget of the Electricians' Examining Board. This bill requires that the commissioner give funding priority to the inspection and investigation responsibilities of the board.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-176) removes authority over the budget from the commissioner and places it with the board.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-140) to Committee Amendment "A" strikes the committee amendment and instead requires that there be no fewer than 6 electrical inspectors to carry out the laws regulating electricians. The amendment also requires the Electricians' Examining Board to raise funds necessary to support the costs of its employees and their administrative support.