

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
UTILITIES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*CARRIED OVER*

*ONTP*

*ENACTMENT FAILED*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Bill carried over to Second Session*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*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.

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

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**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to transfer the jurisdiction for settling pole attachment rate disputes from the Public Utilities Commission to the Federal Communications Commission.

**LD 1417     An Act Allowing the Town of Pittsfield to Obtain Water  
from the Town of Burnham**

INDEF PP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CIANCHETTE**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow the Pittsfield Water District to take water from any lake or pond located in the Town of Burnham.

**LD 1419     An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Emergency 911**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to establish the Emergency Services Communication Agency within the Department of Public Safety to implement and manage the statewide E-9-1-1 system. The bill also proposes to require telephone utilities to provide necessary features to implement E-9-1-1 and to levy surcharges on telephone exchange lines for additional funding of the system. The bill proposes to address the location of public safety answering points, to make certain information confidential and to limit the liability of telephone utilities in providing technical services and information for the E-9-1-1 system.

The bill also proposes to repeal certain provisions of the law relating to E-9-1-1 capacity and the establishment of the statewide E-9-1-1 system.

In addition, the bill proposes to make certain appropriations for the establishment of the Emergency Services Communication Agency and amends Public Law 1987, chapter 840 to allow for the issuance of bonds until January 1, 1997 for partial funding of the E-9-1-1 system.

**LD 1475     An Act to Deregulate Consumer-owned Water Utilities**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to deregulate consumer-owned water utilities.

**LD 1482     An Act to Improve the Business Climate in the State by  
Making Power Available at a Lower Rate**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VIGUE**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**