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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 650

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of a Parcel of Land in Webster Plantation to Hazen and Theo Jipson

RESOLVE 56

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUNKER	OTP-AM	H-28

LD 650 proposed to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands, Department of Conservation to convey to Hazen and Theo Jipson all interest of the State in a parcel of land located in Webster Plantation, Penobscot County consisting of 12 to 20 acres and being a portion of the Webster Plantation Public Lot.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-28) proposed to direct the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to convey by quitclaim deed to P. Hazen Jipson and Theo E. Jipson of Webster Plantation, a parcel of 15 acres, more or less, located in the Webster Plantation Public Lot. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 56 directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to convey by quitclaim deed to P. Hazen Jipson and Theo E. Jipson of Webster Plantation, a parcel of 15 acres, more or less, located in the Webster Plantation Public Lot.

LD 680

Resolve, Establishing the Maine Council on Competitiveness

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 680 proposed to create the Maine Council on Competitiveness, which would have been charged with examining ways in which State Government could use the private sector to deliver certain services currently being provided by the State.

LD 702

An Act to Amend the Penobscot County Budget Committee Process

PUBLIC 198

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL J CATHCART	OTP	

LD 702 proposed to make the following changes to the laws governing the Penobscot County Budget Committee:

1. It defined the term "municipal official" to mean a councilor or a selectman; and
2. It required the Penobscot County commissioners to hold one or more public hearings on the budget before December 1st of each year.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 198 defines the term “municipal official” to mean a councilor or selectman for purposes of the Penobscot County Budget approval law and requires the Penobscot County commissioners to hold at least one public hearing on the county budget before December 1 each year.

LD 706 **An Act to Amend the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee** **PUBLIC 171**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 706 proposed to allow a municipal officer elected as a member of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee to appoint a designee to serve on the committee in place of the municipal officer.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 171 allows a municipal officer elected as a member of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee to appoint designee to serve on the committee in place of the municipal officer.

LD 720 **An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Confidentiality of Library Records** **PUBLIC 146**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WATSON TREAT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-161
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LD 720 proposed to add the state Law and Legislative Reference Library to the list of public libraries required to maintain confidentiality of library records identifying patrons in connection with the library materials they use.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161) proposed technical changes to current law and provided a January 1, 1998 effective date for the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 146 adds the state Law and Legislative Reference Library to the list of public libraries required to maintain confidentiality of library records identifying patrons in connection with the library materials they use.