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**STATE OF MAINE
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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:

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

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 1043 **An Act to Expand Local Calling Areas** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LANE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1043 was a concept draft. The concept proposed was that each telephone local calling area include unlimited toll-free calling to contiguous local calling areas.

LD 1073 **An Act to Create the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District** **P & S 17
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SKOGLUND PINGREE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-131
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LD 1073 proposed to create the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-131) This amendment proposed technical corrections to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 17 creates the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District. The law is effective on April 25, 1997 for the purposes of allowing it to be put out for local referendum approval.

LD 1093 **An Act to Provide the Entire State with Integrated Services Digital
Network Telecommunication** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1093 proposed to establish as telecommunications policy that the State consider methods of regulation that encourage the development and deployment of the Integrated Services Digital Network throughout the State.

LD 1215 **An Act to Restrict Telephone Solicitation** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> AHEARNE PARADIS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1215, modeled on legislation enacted in Florida, proposed to amend the law governing telephone solicitation as follows:

1. Require a telephone solicitor to state his or her name and the business on whose behalf he or she is soliciting;
2. Permit telephone customers to be placed on a list indicating that the customer does not wish to receive unsolicited sales calls;
3. Prohibit telephone solicitors from making unsolicited sales calls to any telephone customers on the list;
4. Provide that contracts made pursuant to a telephone sales call are not enforceable unless certain conditions are met; and
5. Authorize the Attorney General to investigate complaints and bring actions for violations.

LD 1253

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Winterport Sewerage District

**P & S 32
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS LONGLEY	OTP-AM	H-280 H-361 DAVIDSON

LD 1253 proposed to transfer title to public drains, storm water drains and catch basins within the Winterport Sewerage District to the Town of Winterport. The bill also proposed to grant to the Winterport Sewer District the same lien notice or collection rights available to sanitary districts under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1208.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-280) makes technical corrections.

House Amendment "A" (H-361), presented on behalf of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, corrects a reference to the Winterport Sewerage District.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 32 transfers title to public drains, storm water drains and catch basins within the Winterport Sewerage District to the Town of Winterport. The bill also grants to the Winterport Sewer District the same lien notice or collection rights available to sanitary districts under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1208. The law is effective on May 22, 1997 for the purposes of allowing it to be put out for local referendum approval.