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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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](http://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*  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*  
*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 September 18, 1999.

**LD 43**

**An Act to Amend the State Compensation Commission Laws**

**PUBLIC 2  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)  
LAWRENCE

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 43 proposed to delay the first reporting deadline for the State Compensation Commission to April 15, 1999 and to clarify that the commission is authorized to submit legislation. The bill also proposed to make a technical change in the requirements of the appointment process.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 2 delayed the first reporting deadline for the State Compensation Commission to April 15, 1999 and clarified the commission's authorization to submit legislation. The bill also deleted a requirement from 3 MRSA section 2-B, subsection 3 that the appointments to the commission be made by the presiding officers no later than 15 days following September 19, 1997. The new appointment requirement merely requires that the presiding officers notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once they have appointed the initial four members of the commission.

Chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 14, 1999.

**LD 54**

**Resolve, to Authorize the Knox County Commissioners to Hold a Referendum Election in November 1999 to Borrow Not More than \$500,000 to Construct the Knox County Communications Center**

**RESOLVE 39  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)  
SAVAGE C

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-324

LD 54 proposed to authorize the Knox County commissioners to borrow a sum not to exceed \$600,000 for construction or renovations of a communications center in Knox County.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-324)** proposed to replace the original resolve by authorizing the Knox County commissioners to hold a referendum election in November 1999 to borrow a sum not to exceed \$500,000 to construct the Knox County Communications Center. It also proposed to add a mandate preamble to the original resolve.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 39 authorizes the Knox County commissioners to hold a referendum election in November 1999 to authorize the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$500,000 to construct the Knox County Communications Center.

Chapter 39 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 19, 1999.