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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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.

abolished and their functions assumed by the existing Archives Advisory Board, the word "county" was inadvertently omitted from the definition of "local government." Practice and administrative rules have assumed that counties continued to be covered under the law's requirements.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Secretary of State.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 12 amends current law by adding a definition of "local government" to the law concerning the recordkeeping duties of the State Archivist. The definition includes "county" as a unit of local government and thus covers county records under the law's requirements.

**LD 669                      An Act to Change Certified Public Accountant Experience Requirements                      PUBLIC 224  
for Employees of the Department of Audit**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT MADORE	OTP-AM	S-136

LD 669 proposed to make the experience requirements for certified public accountants who are employees of the Department of Audit consistent with that of accountants who are employees of the Bureau of Insurance.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)** proposed to replace the original bill and to remove any reference to the Department of Audit in a provision of law that discounts experience towards becoming a certified public accountant on a two to one basis.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 224 removes any reference to the Department of Audit in a provision of law that discounts experience of certain state employees towards becoming a certified public accountant. The discount is on a two to one basis.

**LD 683                      An Act to Allow the Revocation of Certain Licenses and Automobile                      ONTP  
Registrations for Payment by an Insufficient Funds Check**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOSTER ABROMSON	ONTP	

LD 683 proposed to direct municipalities to notify all persons issuing bad checks for hunting or fishing licenses or automobile registrations that the license or registration will be revoked unless payment is made within 30 days on the insufficient funds.