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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).

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 2240 proposed to increase the salaries of certain county officers in Kennebec County and would apply retroactively to January 1, 1999.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 377 establishes the 1999 salaries of county officers in Kennebec County. The 1998 salaries of the eight county officers were increased by percentages ranging from two to six percent. The increases are retroactive to January 1, 1999.

Public Law 1999, chapter 377 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 1999.

LD 2249

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Androscoggin County for the Year 1999

**RESOLVE 60
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2249 proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Androscoggin County government for the year 1999.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 60 authorized the laying of county taxes and expenditures of Androscoggin County government for the year 1999.

Resolve chapter 60 was passed as an emergency measure effective June 9, 1999.

LD 2250

An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain Androscoggin County Officers

**DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2250 proposed to amend current law by increasing the salaries of Androscoggin County officers by 3% in the 1999 budget year. Effective with the year 2000 county budget, the bill also would prohibit an increase in the compensation of any elected Androscoggin County officer from taking effect during the term in office in which the increase is adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-384), which was not adopted, proposed to remove that section of the bill that prohibits an increase in compensation of any elected Androscoggin County officer from taking effect during the term of office in which the increase is adopted.