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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
State and Local Government*

*July 2003*

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# Maine State Legislature



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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 &amp; 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>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</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>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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*Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

<b>LD 19</b>	<b>Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 130: Implementation of the State Purchasing Code of Conduct for Suppliers of Apparel, Footwear and Textiles, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services</b>	<b>RESOLVE 6 EMERGENCY</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM    MAJ	H-50
	OTP-AM    MIN	

LD 19 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter 130: Implementation of State Purchasing Code of Conduct for Suppliers of Apparel, Footwear and Textiles, a major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)**, which was the majority report, proposed to require the addition (at the end of the Bidding Procedures section) of a sentence indicating that names and addresses of suppliers at point of assembly may be kept confidential and not open for public inspection if the State Purchasing Agent determines the bidder has a program of monitoring that certifies its suppliers comply with the state purchasing code of conduct.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-51)**, which is the minority report, proposed that the rule not be authorized.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Resolve 2003, chapter 6 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 130: Implementation of State Purchasing Code of Conduct for Suppliers of Apparel, Footwear and Textiles, a major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The law requires the rules to be amended to include a sentence at the end of the bidding procedures section indicating that the names and addresses of suppliers at point of assembly may be kept confidential and not open for public inspection if the State Purchasing Agent determines the bidder has a program of monitoring that certifies its suppliers comply with the state purchasing code of conduct.

Resolve 2003, chapter 6 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2003.

<b>LD 24</b>	<b>An Act to Create the State Government Information Clearinghouse</b>	<b>ONTP</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 24 proposed to establish the State Government Information Clearinghouse to assist members of the public in accessing the resources of State Government. Under the proposed bill, each state agency would designate a person to assist members of the public and would report this designation to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee. The bill also proposed that the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee would maintain a central telephone number that members of the public could call for assistance in accessing the resources of State Government.