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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Judiciary*

July 2003

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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).

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 2nd 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>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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 Judiciary

LD 971

An Act To Amend the Constitution of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society

P & S 13

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL RECTOR	OTP-AM	S-49

LD 971 proposed to amend the charter of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society by removing the \$100,000 limit on the value of real or personal estate held by the society.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-49) proposed to add to the bill an amendment to the Private and Special Law of 1875, chapter 11 concerning the membership of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society. This amendment proposed to provide that the sole member of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society is the Episcopal Diocese of Maine.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2003, chapter 13 amends the charter of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society by removing the \$100,000 limit on the value of real or personal estate held by the society. It also amends the Private and Special Law of 1875, chapter 11 concerning the membership of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society to provide that the sole member of the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society is the Episcopal Diocese of Maine.

LD 986

An Act To Enact the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act Amendments of 1996 and 2001

PUBLIC 436

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAFOUNTAIN	OTP-AM	S-207

LD 986 proposed to incorporate into Maine law the 1996 and 2001 amendments to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. Details of the changes were included in the Prefatory Note and the Uniform Comments.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-207) proposed to make additional changes to make Maine's law consistent with the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act Amendments of 1996 and 2001.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 436 incorporates into Maine law the 1996 and 2001 amendments to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.