

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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:

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| <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*

**LD 1074**                      **An Act To Prohibit Disbursement of Funds by the State, Municipalities and Counties to Certain Nonprofits and Require the Secretary of State To Develop a System of Registration**                      **ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>JOY |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1074 proposed to prohibit the State, municipalities and counties from disbursing funds to certain nonprofit corporations. The bill also proposed to require the Secretary of State to develop a system of classification and registration for all nonprofit corporations in the State and a method to facilitate reporting of information regarding the collections of funds.

**LD 1076**                      **Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Convey Land to Baron and Janet Wormser**                      **RESOLVE 16**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>COWGER |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-204 |
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LD 1076 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell the State's interest in a parcel of land located in Hallowell to Baron C. Wormser and Janet G. Wormser.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-204)** proposed to require Baron and Janet Wormser to pay for the appraisal on the parcel of land proposed for sale by the State to the Wormsers.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Resolve 2003, chapter 16 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell the State's interest in a parcel of land located in Hallowell to Baron C. Wormser and Janet G. Wormser. It also requires the Wormsers to pay for the appraisal on the parcel of land.

**LD 1118**                      **An Act To Study the Consolidation and Regionalization of Programs at All Levels of Government**                      **ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>BULL<br>EDMONDS |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1118, which was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed a study to assess all levels of government within the State to determine the feasibility and advantages of consolidating and streamlining many government functions. The study would have focused on providing greater efficiency and offering more services to the people in the State. The study would have examined the incentives to reorganization and consolidation and would have also considered any necessary changes to the laws, rules and regulations that may facilitate efforts to reorganize or consolidate.