

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and  
Second Special Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
State and Local Government*

*May 2004*

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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/billsumm.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm)).

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:

- 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
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT ..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- 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
- P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
- PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
- 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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*Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

**LD 1926**

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act**

**PUBLIC 600**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1926 proposed to implement the recommendations of the committee regarding the State Government Evaluation Act. It proposed to amend the State Government Evaluation Act by setting new dates for agency reviews. The bill proposed to require a designated agency employee to notify the State Controller immediately when a nonstate entity requests access to agency accounting records. It also proposed to change the name of the Department of Administration and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to Office of the State Controller.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 600 implements the recommendations of the committee regarding the State Government Evaluation Act. It amends the State Government Evaluation Act by setting new dates for agency reviews. It also requires a designated agency employee to notify the State Controller immediately when a nonstate entity requests access to agency accounting records. The law also changes the name of the Department of Administration and Financial Services, Bureau of Accounts and Control to Office of the State Controller.

**LD 1941**

**An Act To Authorize the Town of Millinocket To Annex a Certain Parcel of Land**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

STANLEY  
DUPREY G

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1941 proposed to allow the Town of Millinocket to annex land located in part of Township 3, Indian Purchase in Penobscot County.

**LD 1950**

**An Act To Repeal Certain Boards and Commissions**

**PUBLIC 643**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1950 proposed to repeal boards and commissions that failed to file an annual report of activities with the Secretary of State for 2002 and 2003. Additionally, this bill proposed to repeal boards and commissions that filed