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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

public hearing (5 MRSA §8053, sub-§5).

LD:

403

AN ACT TO ALLOW EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
WITHIN THE STATE TO PURCHASE STATE SURPLUS
PROPERTY.

BRAGG
RANDALL
BUSTIN

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 158

H-81

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SUMMARY:

LD 403 in its original form proposed to allow educational institutions, following other state agencies, municipalities, counties and other political subdivisions to have an option to purchase surplus state property prior to the auction of surplus property to the general public.

School districts currently may purchase surplus state property prior to the general public's purchase of surplus property because school districts are political subdivisions of the State. Private schools, however, are not political subdivisions and do not enjoy the same status with respect to purchases of surplus state property.

The committee amended the bill (Committee Amendment "A"-H-81) to limit the privilege of surplus state property sales to private secular schools approved for tuition purposes. The provisions of the bill could not be extended to all private schools because the enrollment at private religious schools exceeds 50% of total private school enrollment, and the bill would thereby violate the constitutional provision of "separation of church and State."

LD:

404

EMERGENCY

AN ACT TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE CONFIRMATION OF
THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE
MAINE STATE LOTTERY

HANDY
DILLENBACK
NADEAU G R
DIAMOND G

OTP-AM

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 72

H-29

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SUMMARY:

LD 404 proposes to subject proposed candidates to serve as Commissioners or as the Director of the Maine State Lottery Commission to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and to confirmation by the Senate.

The State Lottery Commission is an organization with