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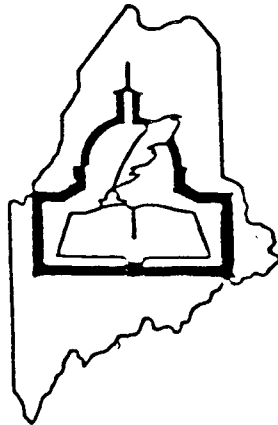
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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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.

The Committee voted to give the sponsors a "leave-to-withdraw." There was insufficient support for the bill.

LD: 574 AN ACT TO EXPEDITE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS PRAY
EMERGENCY

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 574 proposed to establish the Friday before Memorial Day as the termination date for the First Regular Session and March 31st as the termination date for the Second Regular Session of the Legislature. LD 574 eliminates the ceilings of 100 legislative days and 50 legislative days for the First and Second Regular Sessions respectively. The bill proposes to make the new provisions effective immediately.

In addition, the Legislature, by a 2/3 vote, could vote to extend the adjournment date for no more than 5 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for emergencies only.

The purpose of the bill is twofold. One purpose is to provide the general public with a specific date by which legislative business will be completed. The second purpose is to incur savings resulting from shorter sessions.

The Committee voted to use LD 408 as the "vehicle bill" for legislation establishing a limit on legislative sessions.

LD: 580 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE 1985 AMENDMENTS TO DIAMOND J
EMERGENCY THE MAINE HOUSING AUTHORITIES ACT LACROIX
DILLENBACK
VIOLETTE

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 151
GOV EMER SIGNED

H-82 CA H S
H-83 HA BOST
S-62 SA CLARK N H S

SUMMARY:

A. Authorizes the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) to administer and operate housing and housing-related programs for state agencies, political subdivisions of the State, non-profit housing corporation, the judicial branch of Government, and municipal housing authorities;

B. Authorizes the Maine State Housing Authority to accept funds from any source for housing programs and projects. Currently, the MSHA is authorized to accept "...federal funds or other assistance...."

C. Authorizes the MSHA to purchase, sell, invest in, trade, etc., federal mortgage credit certificates

D. Authorizes the MSHA to construct, rehabilitate, or improve homeless shelter facilities related to an institution licensed by the Department of Human Services (Section 7 of the bill)

E. Increases the ceiling on moral obligation bonds from \$435,000,000 to \$635,000,000 (Section 9 of the bill)

F. Increases the ceiling on non-moral obligation bonds from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 (Section 9 of the bill)

G. Authorizes the State of Maine to tax Maine State Housing Authority taxable bonds as the federal government is authorized to do;

H. Requires the computation of the outstanding value of bonds due to bond holders be computed to reflect the actual or accounting balance due at the time the computation is required to be made. Currently, bonds that appreciate over a 20 year period until they mature are computed in value at the 20 year value (full value) rather than the proportional or actual year value of the bonds.

The Committee amended the bill to make some technical corrections and minor revisions. The amendment also allows the Authority to issue unrated non-moral obligation bonds to one or more financial institutions which intend to purchase the entire issue without the intent to resell the bonds.

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| LD: | 616 | AN ACT PERTAINING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS | STROUT |
| | | AND PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDING | PEARSON |
| ND: | 32 | | SOUCY |
| | | HOUSE Enacted | PUBLIC |
| | | SENATE Enacted | CH # 56 |
| | | GOV SIGNED | |
| H-14 | HA | HIGGINS L | |
| S-8 | SA | PEARSON | H S |

SUMMARY:

The original bill, LD 32, authorized the State Police to hold non-partisan office while remaining in their position as a State Police officer. currently, a State Police officer is prohibited from running for public