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LOCAL AND COUNTY 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.

LD: 875 AN ACT TO ALLOW COUNTY OFFICERS WHO COME INTO OFFICE DURING THE YEAR TO BE PAID LESSER SALARIES THAN STIPULATED BY LAW. CAHILL STOVER

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
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SUMMARY:

Currently, the salaries of county officers, as set annually by the county commissioners, become statutory law. They may be amended under the same procedures as any other statute.

The major purpose of this bill is to provide for those occasions when there is a change in office holders at times when there is not an opportunity to change the salary by statute. The bill wishes to make provision for those cases when the new office holder has less experience than the person whom he replaces and, thus, should not be paid at the level which was set based on the previous occupant's experience.

The bill gives the county commissioners the authority to lower the statutory salary of any office, except commissioner, by up to 20% if there is a new occupant of the office during the calendar year. This is subject to the approval of the legislative delegation.

The second purpose of this bill is to affirm the authority of the county commissioners to change the salaries of county officials in any direction at the time of preparing the county budget. This authority currently exists but, since the salaries are statutory law, it is possible that some commissioners do not realize that they can be changed as part of the annual budget process.

LD: 876 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF FORT KENT TO CONVEY ITS INTEREST IN CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS IN FORT KENT, AROOSTOOK COUNTY THERIAULT MCBREAIRTY VIOLETTE MARTIN J RESOLVE CH # 34  
OTP-AM HOUSE Finally Passed  
SENATE Finally Passed  
GOV SIGNED

H-198 CA H S

SUMMARY:

13 MRSA §3161 states that land that was reserved for the ministry or schools, which as of 1973 had not been vested in a parish or some individual, shall belong to the inhabitants of the town. They shall hold such land as public reserved lands subject to the control of the state.

The town at some time sold the land in question (some 650 acres) to private individuals. There is some question as to the legality of this sale. The current bill serves to clear the title of these individuals by the town relinquishing all title to the land.

Committee Amendment A corrects the names of several property occupants per information received from the Town of Fort Kent. It also adds a section releasing the State from any legal claims to be brought by the occupants and a section reserving a right-of-way for the State.

LD: 930 AN ACT TO INCREASE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN BEAULIEU  
THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER REVISION PROCESS  
ND: 1530

OTP-ND HP1054 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:  
See New Draft, LD 1530.

LD: 938 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF BALDACCI  
VICTUALLERS, INNKEEPERS AND TAVERNKEEPERS  
ND: 59

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 57  
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SUMMARY:  
This is a new draft of LD 59. LD 59 granted municipalities home rule authority to create licensing boards for the issuance of innkeepers', victuallers' and tavernkeepers' licenses that did not conform to the requirements of Title 30, section 2752. The new draft creates an alternative licensing scheme to section 2752 which allows a municipality to designate its officers as the licensing board and establish a different date for the expiration of licenses granted by the board.

LD: 951 AN ACT VALIDATING THE VOTE TO CONVERT MARTIN J  
EMERGENCY WALLAGRASS PLANTATION INTO THE TOWN OF MCBREAIRTY  
ND: 1396 WALLAGRASS THERIAULT

OTP-ND HPO974 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
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